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Births, Marriages, Deaths

Notices of Births, Marriages and Deaths which are inserted in The Daily Advertiser also appear in The Western Advertiser. Births 25c, Marriagesand Deaths 50c.

DIED.

DRURY—At the residence of her son-in-law, Walter H. Morgan, 716 Colborne street, on Jan. 26, Jane, relict of the late Thomas Drury, aged 76 years.

Funeral Saturday, Jan. 28, at 3 o'clock; services at 2:30.

ROE—On the 26th January, Mrs. Ann Roe, in her 92nd year.

Funeral (private) from the residence of her son-in-law, R. W. Kidner, 386 Burwell street, at 3 p.m., on Saturday, to Woodland Cemetery. Service at 2:30.

Amusements and Lectures

PRINCESS — HOCKEY SATURDAY night, Jan. 28, London vs. Woodstock. Admission 25c. Coupons canceled. Game called 8. Band. Skating 9. b

JUBILEE RINK—OPEN AFTERNOONS—Saturday evening after skating, hockey match, Collegiate Institute vs. Y. M. C. A. Music. Music, skating hockey only 10 cents. b

REDLIGHT RINK — SPLENDID ICE skating every afternoon and evening. b

PRINCESS—BAND TONIGHT—LONDON vs. Woodstock, Saturday, 28. Two strong teams. Game at 8. Music and skating 9. Admission 25c. Coupons canceled. b

TWILIGHT ORGAN RECITAL, DUNDAS Center Methodist Church, by Mr. W. H. Hewlett, on Saturday afternoon next, at 4 o'clock, assisted by Miss Lola Ronan, contralto, of Toronto. Silver collection at door. b

PALACE DANCING ACADEMY—SPECIAL—Have you seen the "Society Cakewalk?" Newest dance out; sure to be very popular. We can accommodate you with a private lesson any hour. Dayton & McCormick.

PRIVATE LESSONS IN DANCING—Rapid teaching; low rates. All who desire a thorough knowledge of the art of dancing should avail themselves of this opportunity. Lessons any hour. R. B Millard, teacher of dancing, 346 Princess avenue.

Meetings.

I. O. O. F.—SPECIAL MEETING OF CHORAZIN Lodge will be held on Saturday evening to make arrangements for attending the funeral of our late brother, W. G. Willis. Fred Durdin, N.G.; Frank Whittaker, secretary. b

LONDON COUNCIL, NO. 233, ROYAL Arcanum, will meet this (Friday) evening, at 8 o'clock, in Duffield Block. b

S. O. E.—CHELSEA LODGE MEETS THIS (Friday) evening. Visiting brethren welcome. A. E. Taylor, Pres. b

Domestics Wanted.

WANTED — IMMEDIATELY — AN EXPERIENCED cook, and parlor maid, with references. Apply to Mrs. T. G. Meredith, corner Wellington street and Princess avenue. 53u

WANTED—AN EXPERIENCED GENERAL servant in small family; no washing. Mrs. A. M. Smart, 142 Kent street. b

WANTED—GOOD COOK—REFERENCES required. Apply 487 Dundas street. 52c

GENERAL SERVANT WANTED—NO washing or ironing. References required. Apply to Mrs. Bayly, 186 Albert street. 51tf

GENERAL SERVANT WANTED—APPLY to Mrs. Jas. Luney, Grand avenue, South London. 51c

Male Help Wanted.

WANTED — MOULDERS — LONDON Brass Works Co., Limited. 51c

WANTED — COREMAKERS — LONDON Brass Words Co., Limited. 51c

WANTED—MEN TO LEARN THE BARBER trade. We offer free transportation to our colleges at Chicago or Cincinnati, only for a short time longer to get enough students to supply the demand for graduates, April 1. Come while the offer is good. Positions positively guaranteed. $15 00 weekly. We have superior facilities, constant practice, expert instructions, lectures, etc. Eight weeks completes. Commission allowed from start. Write today. Moler Barber College Representative, 23 Lafayette avenue, Detroit. 48n

Agents Wanted.

AGENTS WANTED—WE WANT LIVE agents everywhere. No trouble selling our high-grade nursery stock and seed potatoes. Write us before engaging elsewhere. It will pay you. Blackford & Co., Nurserymen, Toronto. zxv

A TEA ROUTE IS BETTER THAN ANY agency. For particulars address Marshall & Co., London, Ont.

Wanted.

WANTED TO RENT—WITH OR WITHOUT option of purchase, from 20 to 50 acres, with good buildings, and well watered; must be convenient to school; close to city preferred. Send full particulars to Lock Box 57, Bracebridge. 49k eod&bw

PARTY CALLING ON FARMERS AND others with horses and rig is open to carry a side line. Good connection through London township; references and security if required. Apply Box 125, this office. 50bu

WANTED—SOFT WOOD—APPLY DOMINION Laundry, Talbot street, London. 52c

HIGHEST PRICE PAID FOR GENTLEMEN'S cast-off clothing. A. P. Sainsbury, 90 King street. Mail orders attended to

Board and Lodging.

WANTED—BOARDERS—WILL EITHER take gentlemen or a man and his wife; comfortable home where no other boarders are kept. Address for particulars, Box 124, Advertiser. 49n

You'll do Well

to buy your clothes here. We are selling at reduced prices now, but no reduction in our standard of making, which is always first-class.

DEEKS & CO.,

Merchant Tailors,

393 Richmond street.

When Bismarck Was Minister To Paris

He summed up the character of Napoleon III. in one great sentence: "He is an unrecognized incapacity." That's the verdict which must be placed on many shoes retailing at $2 a pair. They are bought simply because their incapacity isn't at first recognized. Meanwhile, our Shoes for men and women at $1 98 are winning laurels by their recognized capacity to wear long and to remain stylish until worn out. These $1 98 Shoes are the result of thirteen years' experience. You can see it in the high character of the material, in the style, in the finish. Come in and see them—we know they will please you.

J. P. COOK

173 Dundas Street.

Houses, Etc., To Let.

TO LET—FRONT BEDROOM—MODERN conveniences: five minutes walk from market. Apply 89 Bathurst street. 53c

TO RENT—COMPARATIVELY NEW UPRIGHT piano. Apply 89 Ridout street. 50k

SMALL OFFICE TO RENT—HEATED AND furnished. Huron and Erie Building. 50n

TO LET—GOOD BRICK AND FRAME stable. Inquire A. N. Udy, over C. P. R. ticket office. Phone 735.

TO LET—NO. 427 KING STREET—APPLY at 383 King street. 96tf

TO LET—COVERED MOVING VANS—When moving have your furniture and pianos carefully moved. Address 97 Carling street. Phones 1,162 and 1,167.

Miscellaneous.

MADAME LA ZELL, PALMIST, WONDERFUL revelations. Charges, 25c. Room 6, London House. 52u

DRESS SUITS TO RENT, IN FIRST-CLASS condition. A. P. Sainsbury, 90 King street.

Lost and Found.

LOST—A BUILDING PLAN. REWARD for return to this office. b

LOST — SMALL BEAGLE HOUND, ANSWERS to the name "Dizzy," white with black spots. Reward at this office. 51c

Real Estate.

FOR SALE—AN A1 STOCK FARM—GOOD buildings; abundant supply of good water; 50 acres; tile drained; 1½ miles from railway station; west of city, price only $3,000. 25 acres near city limits, would exchange for city property. J. F. Sangster, 403 Richmond street.

FOR SALE—SELECT FARM AND CITY properties; easy terms; low interest. Apply G. W. Francis, 90 Dundas street. London, Ont. d&w

Articles For Sale.

BECAUSE WE SELL BEEF CHEAP don't form the opinion that we are selling cheap beef. We cut up nothing but young, well-fed stuff, and sell cheap because we buy cheap. Best steak, 10c pound; loin and porterhouse roasts, 10c pound; rib roasts, 7c and 8c pound; good boiling pieces, 5c and 6c pound; suet, 7 cents. Special prices for large pieces. Faulds' Provision Store, 8 Market Lane. zxv

EXPRESS MONEY ORDERS ON ALL parts of the world. Surest way to remit money. F. B Clarke, Richmond street, next Advertiser, sells them. zxv

$4.75 PER TON (NOT IN BAGS)—Pocahontas coal for kitchen ranges or furnaces; in bags, 25c per ton extra. Same coal as sold by Harold Richardson & Co. Butts' Cannel coal for open fires. Bowman & Co. Call at F. B. Clarke's, Richmond street, next Advertiser. zxv

GLADSTONE BUGGY AND TAYLOR safe for sale, 424 Richmond street. 52c

AMERICAN CORN—10,000 BUSHELS FOR sale at Slater's Storage Warehouses, 225 255 York street, London. $14 to $15 per ton. Call; see corn. 51c

TISSUE PAPER—ALL COLORS—FOUR full size sheets for one cent. Large assortment of school books and school supplies. J. H. Cunningham, 778 Dundas street, East London.

SPRING SKATES, 35c PAIR. SKATES hollow ground, 10c. Bicycling repairing at lowest prices. D. McKenzie & Co., 374 Richmond street.

$15 BUYS A SIX-PIECE PARLOR suite, nicely upholstered, regular price $20. Keene Bros. Cash Bargain Furniture Store, 127 King street.

FOR SALE—ONE SLIGHTLY USED UPRIGHT mahogany piano, 7⅓ octaves, only $200, and one Thomas organ, slightly used, $35. Easy terms. Heintzman & Co., 217 Dundas street.

FIRST-CLASS WOOD—HARD AND SOFT—stove lengths or cordwood. Prompt delivery to any part of the city. Prices reasonable. Phone 1,312. S. Gilles & Son, Sawmill, East London.

DIAMONDS REMOUNTED AND OLD jewelry made up-to-date at small expense J. T. Westland, 340 Richmond street, up stairs

BEST HARD COAL AND WOOD DELIVERED in all parts of the city. W. G. Eadey, 771 Dundas street. Phone 1,134.

ELECTRIC BELLS KEPT IN PERMANENT repair, only 50c per year. R. M. Millar, 434 Talbot street. 21tf

PORK SAUSAGE AND BOLOGNA, FOUR pounds 25c; smoked ham and bacon, 10c; pickled bacon, 9c; shoulders, 6c; long clears, 8c, at Park's, corner Market Lane.

KEENE'S, MASONIC TEMPLE, IS THE cheapest place to buy stoves or furniture. Large stock on hand.

Business Chances.

FOR SALE—WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS Mineral bath, swimming bath, boating business; 300 feet land. Apply 60 Elmwood avenue, South London. 52n

Money to Loan.

PRIVATE FUNDS FOR INVESTMENT on real estate security. Magee, McKillop & Murphy, Solicitors, London. d&w

Medical Cards.

DR. JOHN D. WILSON—OFFICE AND residence, 260 Queen's avenue. Special attention paid to diseases of women and children. Office hours, 12:30 to 4 p.m.

Dissolution of Partnership

THE PARTNERSHIP HERETOFORE existing between the undersigned, as confectioners and caterers, under the name, style and firm of Bradford & Hodgins, is, this day dissolved by mutal consent.

The business will be continued by W. S. Bradford, who will assume all the liabilities of the firm, and to whom must be paid all debts due to the firm.

Dated 25th January, A. D. 1899.

Witness, W. S. BRADFORD.
Amos Bradford. A. D. HODGINS.
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A Big New Yorker --Follows --Our Lead.

The new policy contract of a big New York life company is heralded with a great flourish of trumpets. The Globe of the 17th inst. points out that all of the attractive features so commended have been available to policyholders of The Ontario Mutual Life for many years. Policies issued in the interests of policyholders may be obtained from The Ontario. Examine one of them.

C. E. GERMAN,
GENERAL AGENT.

GREAT BRITAIN IN EGYPT

Hon. David Mills' Instructive Address at Toronto.

Before a Large Audience—French and English Policy Contrasted.

Toronto, Jan. 27.—To an audience that filled the capacious assembly hall of the Students' Union to the doors, Hon. David Mills lectured on "The English in Egypt" yesterday afternoon.

The lecturer had already been lecturing for five years, yet he was vigorous for another turn. He was in good voice, and held his auditors well in hand.

He began by referring to the long and interesting history of Egypt, and to the lofty position it once occupied, and held that the present question of the English in the country was working towards the unity and prosperity of the empire.

He dealt with the present condition of Egypt, and the relation that the United States occupied in respect to it. Mehemet Ali, in his adventurous career, was touched upon, and the Turks came in for severe denunciation.

The lecturer dwelt on the complicated system of government which existed in Egypt today. The administration is circumscribed in a thousand ways, and criminals and enemies of society take such advantage of this that many of them escape punishment for their misdeeds. As an example a criminal in Egypt of a foreign nationality may be tried by the consul of his own country, or he may be sent to his own country to be tried by the courts there. This immunity for foreigners was imposed at a time when the necessity for some such arrangement was undoubted, but at present it leaves the door open to many abuses, and renders almost unavoidable the escape of many criminals. Any remedy for this state of affairs would have to be with the consent of all the powers, and France, the lecturer said, might be depended on to withhold her consent, if out of nothing else than ill-humor.

WHAT ENGLAND HAS DONE.

When England entered Egypt she intended to restore order and then retire, but difficult questions arose that made retirement impossible. England had an enormous interest in the trade of Egypt. England's intervention saved Egypt from great loss, and the Christian population from annihilation.

What had England done? She had improved the valley of the Nile and had furnished the only real nationalists the country ever knew. During the past ten years English capital had laid 115 miles of drainage, 1,400,000 acres of land had been made fertile, and 900 miles of agricultural roads and light railroads completed.

England had a formidable task in governing Egypt. She denied to herself coercive means and governed through Egyptian authority. British power was shown and exerted through officials. The advice given by the officials was "of supreme wisdom, supported by invisible authority." The soldiers had no official position; they were merely foreign visitors. The consul-generals had the power of a British minister.

FRANCE IS MISTAKEN.

France's attitude towards Egypt was said to favor the bondholders, to the neglect of the bonded. "France never scrupled to avail herself of any chance to get some advantage for herself at the expense of Egypt." (Applause.) England had drawn no special commercial advantage to herself. Her percentage of trade was no greater than previously. If her position were more permanent she would greatly increase her trade. France opposed any change in position. She thought she had a grievance; that Egypt should belong to her.

"France is mistaken! Those who have interests in Egypt wish property secured. France would legislate against all people except French. She represents nobody but herself." France exerted a selfish influence. She bullied Egypt before the English occupation. She has perpetrated abuses and resisted every attempt to put an end to useless officials if they were French. She has a separate postoffice, while other nations have long ago given them up.

THE CROSS OF ST. GEORGE.

French occupation of Egypt was growing yearly less and less availing. English occupation meant an equal chance to all nationalities; it would be different if France occupied.

He hoped to see the time when British authority would stretch from Alexandria to Cape Town. England was marking Africa with the cross of St. George, and it was in the interests of Africa and her people, for England was doing more than all the rest of the civilized world.

The lecturer closed by declaring that British sovereignty in Egypt had a destiny, and he hoped that British statesmen would not falter in doing their share in fulfilling the destiny.

SWEPT AWAY BY A CYCLONE

South Sea Islands Devasted by Great Gales.

Villages Destroyed, Vessels Wrecked and Many Lives Lost.

Serious Strike Riots in Russian Cotton Mills.

Unsuccessful Results of the Last Boer Campaign—Great Mortality Among Russian Soldiers in China.

London, Jan. 27.—Late advices from Australasia bring details of the terrible cyclones which swept the South seas about the middle of December, devastating villages, wrecking shipping and causing many deaths. At Samarai, in New Guinea, on Dec. 11, the gale was terrific. Cocoa palms went down by hundreds and were carried to sea. Torrents of rain fell. Twelve vessels were wrecked. The cutters Mayflower and Nabua were total wrecks at Basilaki. The ketches Bebem and Baidan were lost off Goodenough Island, and Mr. Kenny, manager of the New Guinea Development Company, was drowned, together with his crew, save the boy. The mission steamer, Albert McLaren, went ashore, and the lugger Lysander and cutter Fleetwing were totally wrecked at Wedan. The cutter Porti was smashed near Port Glasgow. The schooner Ellen Gowan and the cutter Ivy were lost in the Kossman group and Capt. Godel and crew were drowned.

WHOLE VILLAGES DESTROYED.

In the Solomons the hurricane did most damage, whole villages being destroyed. Hundreds of cocoa plantations were uprooted and yam patches leveled. Over 500 natives are reported to have been killed.

Capt. Pentecost, of the yacht St. Aubin, who brought the news of the disaster to Sydney, says he saved a woman who was to have been killed as a sorceress, she being accused of having caused the hurricane. He bought her, the purchase price being a pig, and took her to another island, where she was released.

LLOYD'S NEW RULES.

At a general meeting of Lloyd's a resolution was adopted providing that henceforth all policies and agreements of insurance upon vessels or cargoes shall be deemed and warranted free from capture, seizure or detention, and the consequences therefrom, any attempt, threat, piracy excepted, and that they shall also be free from all consequences of hostilities, whether before or after a declaration of war, unless a provision to the contrary is obtained in the agreement and signed by the underwriters. It was further resolved that the resolution passed at the meeting on June 25, 1898, dealing with the matter of war risks, be rescinded.

CARLIST DEMONSTRATION.

London, Jan. 27.—The Madrid correspondent of the Daily Chronicle says: Senor Mellas, the Carlist deputy who was expelled from the last cortes in May, 1898, for a speech in the chamber, in which he used a Scriptural quotation referring to an unfortunate nation whose kings are boys, has just held a reception near Muria. It was attended by Carlists enough to fill 30 coaches. A riot is reported to have taken place at Penardana de Braciamonte, in which a rioter was killed and a sergeant wounded.

STRIKE RIOTS IN RUSSIA.

The Standard publishes the following dispatch from Moscow: There have been serious strike riots in the cotton mills in the east St. Petersburg district. The police, while attempting to raid the workmen's barracks, in order to arrest a strike leader, were attacked by the workmen, one policeman being killed. The Cossacks were then summoned, and they literally stormed the barracks, fighting their way from floor to floor, assailed with bricks, other missiles, and boiling water. The workmen were eventually forced into the garrets, where the Cossacks severely flogged them with whips and arrested 200. It is said the Cossacks flogged men, women and children indiscriminately.

MORTALITY AMONG THE RUSSIAN TROOPS.

According to a dispatch from Port Arthur, the Russian post in the Liau Ton Peninsula of China, bad water is causing terrible mortality among the Russian troops. Two hundred and fifteen died during November and December, and the average mortality is now four deaths daily.

BOERS BEATEN.

Advices from the Transvaal say that the Boer campaign against the native chief Mpefu has already cost $375,000. There have been three burghers and twelve Swazies killed. Mpefu and his fighting general, Tromp, remain in their chosen stronghold, with their fighting forces intact. The campaign, it seems, has been an abject failure, and therefore the royal salutes, triumphal arches, and the eulogistic address at Pretoria, in honor of the returning general, have their humorous aspect to the cynical observer.

RESULTS OF THE WAR.

Sir Matthew White-Ridley, secretary of state for the home department, in a speech referring to the historical events of the past year, and particularly to the Hispano-American war, said that while the absolute neutrality of Great Britain had not been properly appreciated by one of the contestants, the English people had been gratified at the good feeling which had arisen between the United States and Great Britain. The results of the war had been to bring America face to face with some of the colonial problems and difficulties which Great Britain had long experienced. "This," he continued, "is a serious event for the great powers of the world, but it is not likely to be disadvantageous to the British Empire, which gladly acknowledges the kindly sympathy and the sense of common objects now animating alike the citizens of Great Britain and the United States. The growth of such a feeling is far deeper than the formal alliance suggested by some.

SPANISH CABINET DELIBERATIONS.

Madrid, Jan. 27.—The cabinet met yesterday under the presidency of the queen regent. The absence of General Correa, the minister of war, was much commented on. Premier Senor Sagasta outlined the government's intentions relative to the peace treaty. He said that information received by the minister of foreign affairs had created the impression that President McKinley found the treaty would be defeated in the senate, and apprehended an obstinate resistance upon the part of the Philippine insurgents against the Americans. Therefore, the premier insisted that the convocation of the cortes should no longer be delayed.

The cabinet met again in the evening, Senor Sagasta presiding. It appears that the evidence before the courtmartial showed that Gen. Jaudenez had sufficient ammunition and food at Manila to have enabled him to resist longer. The court ordered his arrest, whereupon he surrendered himself. It is reported that the courtmartial will exonerate Gen. Toral, on the ground that he acted under superior instructions, but that Admiral Montejo, who was defeated by Admiral Dewey, at Cavite, will be tried for the incompetent condition of his fleet. The newspapers assert also that Admiral Cervera is awaiting trial.

CABLE NOTES.

King Albert of Saxony has arrived in Berlin, and other princely guests are arriving, to celebrate Emperor William's 40th birthday.

The Narod (St. Petersburg), in an article criticising the recent anti-Russian speeches of Lord Charles Beresford, says it anticipates no results in direction of obtaining British alliances with Germany and the United States, and declares that England would do better to look toward Russia for such a relation.

Matters in connection with the strike of dockmen and railway employes at Colon, Colombia, and at Panama are growing worse than better.

Mr. White, the United States ambassador to Germany, had a long and cordial conversation on Wednesday with Herr Von Buelow, German imperial secretary for foreign affairs, regarding the Samoan question.

WHICH POWER WILL BACK DOWN

Great Britain Defied by the Czar.

Russia Appoints Consuls to the Soudan.

Grave Charges Against French Officials Proved True.

Tampered With Arsenal Stores—Defeat Was Inevitable Had France Fought England.

WHICH POWER?

London, Jan. 27. A question which possibly may have far-reaching results has just cropped up between the English and the Russian governments. The latter, pointedly ignoring the paragraph in the Anglo-Egyptian convention promulgated last week prohibiting the presence of foreign consular officials in the Soudan save by the consent of England, has just deliberately appointed four consular officials to take up their residence in the Soudan on the alleged ground that the imperial government attaches lively importance to an accurate knowledge of the political and commercial development of the Soudan, and proposes to give every assistance to Russian merchants proposing to do business there.

Now, the English Government has already intimated that it desires neither foreign consuls nor even missionaries at Khartoum or elsewhere in the Soudan, until, at any rate, Lord Kitchener has had time to organize the government of this vast African empire and to place its administration upon a proper basis. Until that is accomplished, England will have no foreign consuls to render Lord Kitchener's task more difficult through their intrigues with the natives. Least of all will England tolerate Russian consular officials, who are always far more disposed to further political schemes than to foster any commercial undertakings.

WHO WILL GIVE WAY?

It now remains to be seen which country will give way; whether it is Russia who withdraws her demand upon the Turkish and Egyptian governments for exequaturs for the newly-appointed consuls in the Soudan, or if it is England that will recede from the position which she has just taken. There is no doubt that if she permits the Russian consuls to establish themselves in the Soudan she will be compelled to concede the same advantages to all other nations, including France, and that the task of Lord Kitchener will be rendered thereby not only difficult, but well-nigh impossible.

By some of the political and government authorities here it is considered that this appointment by Russia of consuls for the Soudan, following so quickly after the promulgation of the Anglo-Egyptian convention last week, has for its object to bring the entire Egyptian question on the tapis, with a view to its discussion by an international congress. They seem to think that it is a sort of notification on the part of Russia that she does not propose to have England suddenly place her foot up what has been until now, theoretically, at any rate, an important part of the Turkish Empire.

A GREAT SENSATION.

Paris, Jan. 27.—A great sensation has been created here by the news current in political and diplomatic circles to the effect that the discovery has been made that large stores of cartridges in several of the principal arsenals have been tampered with to such an extent as to render them practically useless.

As soon as M. De Freycinet, the war minister, heard of the matter, he at once sent two general officers, in whom he could place the most absolute confidence, on a tour of inspection of all the government depots. They have by no means completed their task, but the investigations already made have produced such startling results as to confirm the most grave fears.

Indeed, there is every reason to believe that had France gone to war with England at the time of the Fashoda crisis she would, like Russia, in the war with Turkey, have been handicapped beyond all recovery by the discovery too late that more than half of her ammunition was useless.

It may be remembered that Greece's magnificent torpedo squadron was rendered useless during the war owing to the fact that it was found after the squadron had put to sea that the detonators had been removed from nearly all the torpedoes. There is no doubt but that something of the kind would have befallen France in the event of war being declared last November.

ALL-ABSORBING THEMES

Nothing concerning the matter has appeared as yet in the press, save in the most guarded fashion, but the affair is the all-absorbing theme of discussion in diplomatic circles, and it is certain that when the thing becomes more generally known popular confidence in the army will receive a still further crushing blow, for it shows that, in spite of the immense sums of money that have been spent upon the army since 1870, its administration is just as rotten as it was shown to be when the war with Germany broke out, and when the various stores and equipments credited to the state were found to have disappeared, while the ordinance and ammunition were worth less.

Meanwhile the various firms of army contractors are thriving to such an extent that they are converting the business into joint stock companies, the shares starting at an immense premium. Indeed, it is no exaggeration to assert that the nation is being defrauded in just as colossal a scale in connection with the army today as previous to 1870, when Baron Seilliere, father of the Duchess of Sagan and of Tallyrand, made not one but several fortunes by furnishing paper soles to the boots and shoddy cloth for the greatcoats of the soldiers to whom were intrusted the defense of France.

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Pharmacists, etc.,
216 Dundas St., London, Ont.
Branch—Cor. Richmond and Piccadilly.

THE COLD WAVE

Came Suddenly in New York—38 Degrees Below Zero in Geneva.

Geneva, N. Y., Jan. 27.—A cold wave struck here last night. The mercury dropped 33 degrees.

PHENOMENAL CHANGE.

Buffalo, Jan. 27. — An extraordinary change in weather conditions was recorded in this city yesterday afternoon. The day had been comparatively mild, with the wind calm, until about five o'clock, when the wind suddenly veered to the west and blew a furious gale. For a time heavy snow fell and a wild blizzard was on. The highest velocity attained by the wind was at six o'clock, when seventy miles an hour was recorded. The temperature dropped from 42 degrees at 5 p.m., to 26 degrees at 8 p.m., an indications were for a further fall of from 10 to 15 degrees before morning. Heavy plate glas windows were blown in in different parts of the city, but no serious damage is reported.

DEATH OF REV. JOHN BELL.

Port Elgin, Ont., Jan. 27.—Rev. John Bell, pastor of the Presbyterian churches at Burgoyne and Dunblane, died yesterday after a month's illness. The deceased, who was thirty years of age, was a son of the late Rev. Alex. Bell, formerly pastor of St. An-

YESTERDAY IN WALL STREET.

New York, Jan. 27.—In Wall street yesterday, bullish sentiment seemed to increase with the lapse of time, and was reflected in brisk buying, which lifted many shares to the best prices ever recorded. Heavy realizations were absorbed without difficulty, and the rise was so general that the shorts, who had counted upon a reaction to set in owing to the rapidity of the movement, were forced to cover. The standard stocks resumed their old leadership, and helped drag pretty much everything else up with them.

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DECIDED TO LEAVE LONDON

Rev. Canon Richardson's Appointment to the Arva Rectory Confirmed.

Letter to the Church Wardens Announcing the Canon's Resignation Read at a Special Vestry Meeting.

The rector of St. John's Church, London township, is announced, and Rev. Canon Richardson, of the Memorial Church, receives the appointment from the Bishop of Huron. The canon is to be congratulated in having been chosen for such an important parish. St. John's is one of the best endowed church livings in the Diocese of Huron. It was set up in 1836, and has had, up to the present, three rectors—Rev. Benj. Cronyn, who became afterward Bishop of Huron, was the first, and he was followed by Archdeacons Brough and Marsh. The church stands upon a fine situation, is in excellent condition, and, altogether, an attractive specimen of gothic architecture. It is distant three and a half miles from the city limits, in the village of Arva. Canon Richardson will remove from his present flourishing church with many regrets following him. The canon's resignation of the Memorial Church will date about Easter, which falls this year on April the 2nd.

The following letter, which is self-explanatory, addressed to the church wardens, was read last evening at a special meeting of the vestry:

"Memorial Church Rectory, London, 25th January, 1899.

"T. H. Luscombe, R. W. Kidner, Church Wardens, Memorial Church:

"Dear Church Wardens,—I write to inform you that my acceptance of the rectory of St. John's Church, London township, has this day been finally confirmed by the bishop and with my full consent. In taking this conclusive and critical step I have experienced intense pain, caused mainly by the pronounced and combined attitude which my vestry has taken to prevent it, and I have resolved upon it only after long, serious and prayerful consideration. I have been deeply moved by the earnest words of loyal attachment which have come to me from my beloved congregation publicly and in private. To pull up the roots of our life, which, through 21 years or more have entwined themselves about the kindly affections of you all, without distinction, will cost me and my wife and children such heartaches as we have never before experienced. The very prospect of separation from those to whom God has bound us so long by the closest and most sacred ties is extremely sad. But the leadings of the Divine Hand, to which I have devoutedly sought to look, which are often strange and past finding out, seem unmistakably in the direction I have taken today; and for these reasons:

"1. I desire to act honorably and consistently towards all parties concerned, and having accepted in the first place the bishop's appointment to the parish of St. John, I dare not now reject it and draw back without very grave cause.

"2. The church wardens of St. John's have been pleased to twice wait upon me within the last week, and since its receipt by them have, with representative parishioners in general, indorsed in writing the bishop's appointment—forwarded the same to me, thus leaving me without excuse for asking to have it canceled.

"3. The interests of the Memorial Church, although it may not so appear at present to the congregation, will, I believe, not only not suffer, but be maintained and even advanced by my withdrawal from the pastoral charge and the appointment of an acceptable successor.

"4. My dear wife and myself, though pledged to be faithful unto death, and with much work we hope for the Lord to undertake in the future will, we feel, be able to labor yonder, where, we have learned, a great door and effectual is opened, with more satisfaction and with less sense of insufficiency than in this large parish of such multiplying demands.

"These are among the strongest reasons which have led to this day's action on my part.

"My transfer to St. John's Church, whilst it will break the pastoral connection with that of the Memorial, will allow we still, I trust, for some time to come, from their near situation, whilst yet faithful to the duties before me, to remain in touch with the members of this church, to meet them often face to face and to continue with them in social and Christian intercourse.

"Kindly accept my unfeigned gratitude for all the patience with which you have borne with me in this solemn juncture of my ministry, and for all the loving care you have bestowed in seeking so strenuously to retain my poor services for yourselves and those associated with you. 'The Lord deal kindly with you, as ye have dealt kindly with me.'

"May he send you to supply my place as rector of this goodly and united church of devout members a man after his own heart, who will enter into my imperfect and incomplete labors and carry on the work of God with blessing to all committed to his care, and in the morning when Christ appears, may we all rejoice together with joy unspeakable and full of glory. Permit me just to add that in the whole matter my well beloved wife, the trusted and wise counselor of all my days and doings, makes my cause hers, and identifies herself with me in every view I have taken and every expression I have made. Believe me, my dear church wardens, yours faithfully in Christ,

"J. BANNING RICHARDSON."

The letter was discussed for a short time, but there was no other course than to accept the canon's resignation.

PROMINENT CITIZEN DEAD

Mr. Wm. G. Willis, Manager of the Hobbs Glass Works, Passes Away—Long a Valued Resident of London—An Eventful Life Ended.

Citizens generally will be painfully surprised to hear of the death of Mr. Wm. G. Willis, manager of the Hobbs glass works, which occurred at an early hour this morning. Deceased was taken down with an attack of la grippe some two weeks ago, which developed into pneumonia. Yesterday morning it was thought he would soon be out and around again, having partaken of nourishing food and feeling much better, but towards evening a relapse followed and the end came suddenly.

Mr. Willis was a young man of sterling character, and his employers speak in glowing terms of his efficiency in the past. He was highly esteemed by all the employes under him, and by all with whom he came in contact. But William Willis requires no written eulogy. London and its people have known him long. His attainments, his kindness of heart, and his friendship need no interpretation or comment.

Mr. Willis came to London 28 years ago with his father, who was then a foreman in the Ontario Car Works here. He served his apprenticeship at the hardware business with the late T. & J. Thompson, who formerly did business on Dundas street. Some time later he entered the employ of the hardware firm of Hobbs, Osborne & Hobbs, now the Hobbs Hardware Company, and had been in their employ for 23 years, latterly as manager of the large glass works, which has constantly been growing year by year. Mr. Willis had full control, and his business abilities coupled with a genial disposition, made him very popular.

Deceased was a prominent Oddfellow, and one of the society's most energetic workers. He was district deputy grand master of the London district at the time of his death, and a past grand of Chorazin Lodge; also a past chief of the Sons of Scotland, and a foremost member of the Commercial Travelers' Association. He was treasurer of the Garcia Mining Company, of Arizona, and an esteemed member and worker in St. Andrew's Church.

Mrs. Willis and two daughters survive to mourn the loss of a loving husband and father. Deceased's father, a foreman in the Intercolonial Car Shops, Moncton, N. B., and two brothers—David, who learned his trade with Hobbs Hardware Company, and now with a wholesale firm in Toledo, Ohio, and Martin of the Intercolonial Car Works, Moncton, N. B., also survive.

The funeral will take place on Monday afternoon, at 2:30, to Woodland Cemetery. The employes of the glass works will likely attend in a body.

Deceased carried insurance in a number of societies with which he was connected.

A meeting of Chorazin Lodge, I. O. O. F., has been called for tomorrow night to make arrangements for the funeral.

ENTERTAINED BY ALD. M'PHILLIPS

Members of the Sewer Committee Spend a Pleasant and Profitable Hour.

After the meeting of the sewer committee last evening, the members were entertained by the chairman, Ald. McPhillips, at the European Hotel, where they spent a very enjoyable hour. When the aldermen had done justice to the splendid repast, good fellowship was still further promoted by speech-making. A feature of the affair, aside from its social value, was a free discussion of matters in which the sewer committee is chiefly interested, thus tending to a better understanding of the work on the part of the members generally. Ald. Parnell moved a vote of thanks to the chairman for his generous hospitality. He commented on the good-will which existed among the members of the committee, and expressed confidence that it would continue throughout the year. He felt assured that they would show through the chairmanship of Ald. McPhillips that their confidence had not been misplaced.

Ald. Douglass seconded the motion, and in reply Ald. McPhillips outlined the work ahead of the committee. He urged the members to thoroughly inform themselves of the facts, and hoped that they might work harmoniously with the one object in view, which was the adoption of the best system of sewage disposal for the city.

Ex-Ald. Carrothers, in the course of his speech, stated that the Provincial Board of Health would meet this year, either in Kingston or in London, and the latter was the most likely place. The Board of Health, he said, would in all probability have an important recommendation to make to the sewer committee concerning the sewage disposal. He also stated that the royal commission of England would meet at Exeter in February, and give their decision on sewerage systems.

Excellent speeches were also made by ex-Ald. Stevely, Ald. Wilkey, Garratt and Reed.

ASSISTANCE FOR THE SOLDIERS

Middlesex Light Infantry Request the Support of the County Council.

The Battalion Laboring Under a Decided Disadvantage by Which Other Battalions Benefit—The Giles Site Bridge Matter Again Before the Council.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

The attention of the county council was yesterday drawn to a matter of interest to every resident of the county, more especially those who take an active part in military affairs. Col. McEwen, of the Twenty-sixth Middlesex Light Infantry, sent a petition, asking the assistance of the council of Middlesex in placing the battalion on a better footing. For some years the corps has made an excellent showing, all things considered, but this has been due to the unceasing efforts of the officers, who have spared neither time nor money to place the organization on a footing to compare favorably with other battalions. It might easily surpass the battalions of other counties if given the same encouragement, and this is what Col. McEwen seeks. At all camps the officers in command have highly commended the efficiency of the battalion. This, of course, is directly due to the officers, the majority of whom are graduates from Wolseley Barracks. With a better class of men in the ranks, which can be obtained if the council grants the request for assistance, the Twenty-sixth will undoubtedly stand out as the finest in the country. Col. McEwen points out that under present conditions, the Twenty-sixth labors under a serious disadvantage. He has known residents of this county to enlist in other battalions for no other reason than the increase in pay they would receive. As a result, the captains of companies had great difficulty in securing the best class of men to fill the ranks. The county council of Perth last year gave the Twenty-fifth Battalion $100. The county of Huron for years has given 25 cents per day per man for the twelve days in training. Oxford last year gave the Twenty-second Battalion $200. The Thirtieth Battalion, Wellington Rifles, receive a subsidy of 25 cents for each officer, non-commissioner officer and man, in addition to $50 for the band, and one year they received 35 cents per day. The Twenty-first Essex Fusiliers receive $50 per company, to be expended by captains in providing extras for the men during camp, such as butter, vegetables, etc. The county council of Waterloo grant the Twenty-ninth Battalion $100, and the municipal council of Galt gives another $100. The Lambton Battalion receives 25 cents per man, rank and file, from the county council. The Bruce Battalion, for eleven years past at camp, have received a total of $11,485 for supplementary pay, besides upwards of $3,000 towards the erection of regimental and company armories, and usually grants also from $50 to $100 annually to the battalion band.

The following statement shows the grants made by the county council of Bruce up to last year:

1872	$ 1,056 00
1874	852 00
1881	1,116 75
1883	1,033 50
1884	1,096 00
1885	1,660 50
1888	1,074 00
1890	1,125 25
1895	500 00
1897	1,068 00
1898	903 00
Total	$11,485 00

The grants are all computed on the basis of 25 cents per day, except in 1885, which was 35 cents per day for 15 days.

The question of erecting a bridge over the River Thames on the Giles site, between the townships of Caradoc and Delaware, is yet unsettled. The old county council agreed to erect the bridge on the Giles site on condition that Caradoc and Delaware build proper approaches. This was agreed to, but the agreement was never signed by the warden of Middlesex, and the bridge has not been erected. Among the most strenuous opponents to building the bridge was Mr. J. P. Grigg, one of the members for Caradoc. It is claimed the Giles site is inconvenient to begin with, and as there are petitions in circulation asking for the erection of bridges in more convenient places, some of the members think it is better to knock the whole scheme in the head. Others thought that the council was not legally bound to build the bridge, and this argument resulted in the following motion, which was laid over:

"That the resolution moved by H. Hardy and D. Leitch, re the bridge on the Giles site, on Tuesday, June 7, 1898, be rescinded, as the council deem it injudicious to expend so large an amount for the benefit of so small a number of ratepayers of this council."

Mr. Elson and Mr. S. McLeod moved to obtain the solicitor's opinion in writing as to whether or not this council is bound by any action of the past to proceed with the erection of the bridge on the Giles site. This carried.

Two communications, one from the Municipal Manual and the other from the Municipal World, were filed.

On motion of George Robotham, Mr. L. H. Dampier was reappointed trustee of the Strathroy Collegiate Institute.

The treasurer was instructed on motion of W. L. Corbett, to furnish a statement of the cost of the municipal government for the year 1898, with the sessional and committee pay separate.

SMALLPOX SPREADS

Terrible State of Affairs in Salem, Arkansas.

Little Rock, Ark., Jan. 26.—Dr. H. C. Dunavant, president of the state board of health, in speaking of the smallpox situation, tells of a terrible state of affairs at Salem, in Fulton county. Dr. Dunavant yesterday returned from that place, where he made a thorough investigation.

He says that there has been at least 400 cases of smallpox in the locality within the last two months, and a number of deaths have occurred. He found people walking about the streets of the town broken out with the disease, pockmarked and pitted, and others falling ill every day. The local physicians contended that the disease was not smallpox, and little effort had been made to check its ravages. As a result the disease has become scattered along the line of the Memphis and Fort Scott and Cotton Belt railroads, and many neighboring towns are now infected.

The disease was first brought to Fulton county about two months ago by a returned soldier.

Nervous Dyspepsia

To Gain Flesh, to Sleep Well, to Know What Appetite and Good Digestion Mean

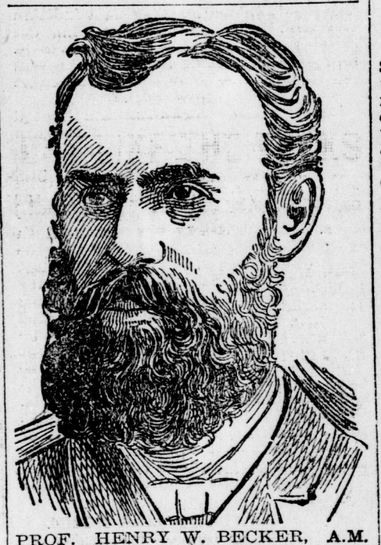
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TWO BRAVE BOYS

Stop a Burglary at Cornwall and Capture One of the Burglars.

Cornwall, Jan. 26.—Dublin, alias Carney, who was implicated with Green in the Cosgrove murder here three years ago, was caught in the act of robbing the residence of the late Mr. William Colquhoun on Tuesday night about 11 o'clock. Dublin and an equally tough character known as "Spider" Dignam, were seen by a young may named McNown to enter the residence by forcing a window open. Young McNown, who is only about 15 years of age, lives in the next house to Mr. Colquhoun's. He secured a revolver, which is kept in the house, and crossed the road to the residence of Mr. James Leitch, Q.C., for assistance. Mr. Leitch being absent, his son, 14 years of age, agreed to tackle the robbers. They telephoned to police headquarters, and Policeman Smith instructed the boys to try and hold them at bay until he arrived. When the two burglars saw McNown and Leitch they made a break for liberty. McNown fired, and Dublin dropped, although not shot. The boys pounced on him and held him down until the policeman arrived some time afterwards, and Dublin was taken to police headquarters. Dignam escaped, but was arrested yesterday. The two brave little boys are the heroes of the hour. Dublin, who is a desperate character, was sentenced several years ago in Barrie for manslaughter, having killed a man there by striking him on the head with a club.

The safe of the Express flour mills of W. R. Mack was blown open on Tuesday night, and small change to the extent of about $12 was secured.

MONEY VS. JUSTICE.

New York, Jan. 26.—A reward of $5,000 for information that shall lead to the arrest and conviction of the murderer in the Adams-Cornish poison case is offered by an afternoon paper today. The paper, the New York Journal, declares that it knows that the police of New York city believe a certain man is guilty of the murder of Mrs. Adams. That man has not been arrested. The police, it says, have worked with energy and faithfulness, but "hedged around as the man is with intelligence, legal ability and wealth, it has been impossible for the police hitherto to obtain such evidence as would give reasonable hope of holding the man should the arrest be made." Justice in New York is confronted by the question: "Can a man commit the most cowardly and dangerous of murders and escape, provided he have money?"

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"I shall be glad," writes Mrs. Benj. H. Fairbanks, of Enosburg, Franklin Co., Vt., in a cordial letter to Dr. R. V. Pierce, of Buffalo, N. Y., "if my testimony to the success of your treatment will help to influence other women, troubled with the diseases peculiar to our sex, to write you. I am glad to be able to tell you of the great good your medicines have done me. I had been troubled with ulceration and its attendant aches and pains and nervousness several times; and finally made worse by a miscarriage, I wrote you. I took Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription and the 'Golden Medical Discovery' for about three or four months and can truly say, they cured me. I shall never cease to be grateful."

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CURLING.

VICE-PRESIDENTS ALL THE WAY.

The annual match between teams chosen by the president and vice-president of the London Curling Club was played at the Simcoe street rink yesterday afternoon. There were four rinks from each, and a good contest it was. The vice-presidents succeeded in bringing theirs all the way, and won by two shots. The score was:

President.	Vice-President.
Rink No. 1—	
W. Farncomb,	Judge E. Elliott,
A. McPherson,	T. Turnbull,
H. C. McBride,	J. W. Humpidge,
G. B. Harris,	D. B. Dewar,
skip.....16	skip.....16
Rink No. 2—	
J. S. Walter,	Chas. Stevens,
W. H. Skinner,	P. Mulkern,
F. H. Allen,	F. P. Betts,
Thos. Gillean,	H. Beaton,
skip.....19	skip.....11
Rink No. 3—	
D. Rivard,	W. Clarke,
J. Stevenson,	L. M. Dizex,
D. Regan,	J. P. Evans,
skip..... 9	skip.....21
Rink No. 4—	
Dr. Thompson,	W. Cox,
W. T. Edge,	John Christie,
J. P. Cook,	H. Fysh,
T. H. Browne,	J. W. Jones,
skip.....15	skip.....13
Total.....59	Total.....61

After the game President Harris entertained the members to a game supper at the Royal Hotel, to which about 30 sat down. President Harris presided, with Mr. J. W. Jones in the vice-chair. Speeches reviewing "old times" were given by Messrs. H. Fysh and John Christie, and Messrs. H. Beaton and Wm. Skinner entertained with song.

IN GROUP FIVE.

Guelph, Ont., Jan. 27.—The primary competition for the Ontario tankard, group No. 5, opened here yesterday. In the first draw three teams defaulted—Brampton to Galt, Walkerton to Toronto Granites, and Berlin to Fergus, leaving the only competition between Preston and the Guelph Unions. The first draw resulted:

Guelph Union.	Preston.
Rink No. 1—	
J. Mitchell,	M. Hagey,
skip.....32	skip.....12
Rink No. 2—	
A. Congalton,	C. Nispel,
skip.....17	skip..... 9
Total.....49	Total.....21

The second draw:

Fergus.	Toronto Granites
Rink No. 1—	
T. J. Hamilton,	G. Gooderham,
skip.....20	skip..... 8
Rink No. 2—	
H. S. Mickie,	E. A. Badenach,
skip.....28	skip..... 9
Total.....48	Total.....17

Galt.	Guelph Unions.
Rink No. 1—	
Geo. A. Graham,	A. Congalton,
skip.....23	skip.....14
Rink No. 2—	
A. G. Gourlay,	J. Mitchell,
skip.....33	skip.....10
Total.....56	Total.....24

Galt and Fergus will play off the third draw today.

FOR THE WESTERN TANKARD.

Walkerton, Ont., Jan. 27.—In curling for the Western tankard today, Walkerton defeated Durham and Southampton, as follows:

Walkerton.	Durham.
Rink No. 1—	
W. G. Collins,	W. Calder,
skip.....25	skip.....14
Rink No. 2—	
A. Collins,	G. Holt,
skip.....22	skip.....17
Total.....47	Total.....31

Majority for Walkerton, 16.

Walkerton.	Southampton.
Rink No. 1—	
W. G. Colins,	B. McAulay,
skip.....17	skip.....10
Rink No. 2—	
A. Collins,	D. G. McAulay,
skip.....21	skip.....20
Total.....38	Total.....30

Majority for Walkerton, 8.

WINDSOR BONSPIEL.

Windsor, Jan. 27.—The semi-finals in the Windsor bonspiel which were played Wednesday evening, resulted in Windsor and Chatham being placed for the final matches for the Walker Cup. Detroit teams were pitted against the Windsor curlers, and Chatham and Thamesville, the winners in the morning matches, tried conclusions. The games were witnessed by a large crowd from Windsor and Detroit, and the Windsorites went wild when it was learned that the Detroit rinks had been defeated. The following teams played: Windsor No. 1, 10; No. 2, 20; Detroit No. 1, 11; No. 2, 7. Majority for Windsor 12 shots. Thamesville No. 1, 11; No. 2, 15; Chatham No. 1, 13; No. 2, 16. Majority for Chatham, 3 shots. The final between Windsor and Chatham curling clubs, for the Walker Cup, will be played off in the near future. The games had to be postponed here on account of the unfavorable condition of the ice.

HOCKEY.

LONDON VS. WOODSTOCK.

Tomorrow evening lovers of hockey will be given an opportunity of witnessing a fine exhibition of the game at Princess rink. Woodstock and London will cross sticks, and a close contest may be looked for. The club's executive endeavored to secure a game with Stratford, but on account of that team having a game on with Toronto, Stratford could not come. An effort will be made to get a game with Stratford next week.

CITY LEAGUE STANDING.

The executive of the City Hockey League awarded the protested game between London South and Y. M. C. A.'s to the Y. M. C. A.'s, on the ground that Sloan, the goal keeper of the London South team in the game protested, resided on Kent street, while the constitution directs that all London South players shall be bonafide residents of London South. This places the Y. M. C. A.'s above the South Londoners in the percentage column.

	W.	L.	P.C.
Jubilees	2	0	1,000
Collegiate	2	0	1,000
Y. M. C. A.	1	2	.333
London South	0	3	.000

TO BE PLAYED OVER.

The executive of the Canadian Hockey Association met at Montreal last night to consider the protest of the Montreal Hockey Club against the Quebec-Montreal match last Saturday. It was decided that the match should be played over on February 14, either at Montreal or Ottawa.

AT STRATFORD.

Toronto 'Varsity and Stratford Seniors played an O. H. A. championship game last night. At half time each club had scored three goals, while, when time was nearly up, the score was 6 to 3 in 'Varsity's favor. Then Stratford scored 2 in quick succession, but could not further even matters, and the game ended 6 to 5 in 'Varsity's favor.

SKATING.

CHAMPIONSHIP RACES.

Poughkeepsie, N. Y., Jan. 27. — The three events in the opening day's programme of the national championship skating races brought out some fine sport, although a soft track prevented fast time. The men appear to be evenly matched, while last year McCullough, the Canadian, carried away nearly all the prizes. McCullough has a pupil here in the person of Bellefeuille, of Rat Portage, of whom considerable was expected, but he failed to do better than qualify in the 500-meter race. The feature of this event was a snappy contest between Thomas, of Newburg, and McParland, of the New York A. C., for first place, which was won by Thomas by only three feet. Summary:

500 meters—First heat—Won by G. Bellefeuille, Rat Portage, Canada; time, 1:01. Second heat—Won by James Drury, Montreal A. A. A.; time, 57 seconds. Third heat—Won by B. McPartland, N. Y. A. C.; time, 58 seconds. Fourth heat—Won by E. A. Thomas, Newburg; time, 58⅘ seconds. W. H. Merritt, St. John, N. B., also qualified, and A. G. Pilkie, Montreal, who had been fouled in the trial heat, was allowed to compete. Final heat—Won by Thomas; McPartland second; Merritt third. Time, :59⅖.

One mile, novice—First heat—G. W. Boyck, Tarrytown; J. E. Dewander, New Haven, and N. Vanderburg, Flushing, qualified; time, 3:40. Second heats—H. McMillan, Newburg; Thomas Sherman, Fishkill Landing, and J. W. Shaughnessy, Cohoes, qualified; time, 3:40. Final heat—Won by McMillan; Shaughnessy second; Dewander third. Time, 3:34⅖.

1,500 meters—First heat—Max Hornefeck, Montclair, N.J.; B. McPartland, New York A. C.; George Sudheimer, Pamlin, Minn., and F. R. Saeger, West Point, qualified; time, 3:07⅖. Second heat—Charles McLave, Myack; E. A. Thomas, Newburg; Harry Perkins, Hamlin, Minn., and W. K. R. Merritt, St. John, N. B., qualified; time, 3:02⅘. Final heat postponed until today.

TURF.

ONTARIO JOCKEY CLUB.

The Ontario Jockey Club spring meeting will be held this year from May 20 to May 27. The Queen's plate this year will have $1,000 added by the club.

AT OAKLAND.

San Francisco, Jan. 27.—Track fast at Oakland yesterday:

First race, maidens, selling, 5 furlongs—Racivan 1, Sidealong 2, Romany 3. Time, 1:01½.

Second race, selling, 6 furlongs — Wyoming 1, Cavallos 2, Fly 3. Time, 1:14½.

Third race, selling, 5 furlongs—Yarabu 1, Race Bird 2, Nomia 3. Time, 1:02½.

Fourth race, selling, 1 mile—Castake 1, Nonesuch 2, Ballister 3. Time, 1:42.

Fifth race, mile—Rosormonde 1, Rubicon 2, Limewater 3. Time, 1:39¼.

Sixth race, 1 mile—Captive 1, Amelia Fonso 2, Mamia G. 3. Time, 1:40.

AT NEW ORLEANS.

New Orleans, Jan. 27.—Cloudy; track fast yesterday.

First race, 7 furlongs—Belle of Memphis 1, Debride 2, Lady Callahan 3. Time, 1:26¼.

Second race, 6½ furlongs—Sir Florian 1, Jim McCleary 2, Pat Garrett 3. Time, 1:21½.

Third race, selling, 1⅛ miles—Tragedy 1, Sister Stella 2, Henry Launt 3. Time, 1:55½.

Fourth race, selling, mile—Deyo 1, Celtic Bard 2, Kitty Regent 3. Time, 1:42½.

Fifth race, selling, 6 furlongs—Jim Gore II. 1, Eghart 2, Miss Ross 3. Time, 1:14½.

Sixth race, 7 furlongs—The Dragoon 1, Fintan 2, Nailor 3. Time, 1:29¼.

RETIRING.

New York, Jan. 27.—Jacob Ruppert, the brewer, has decided to retire from the trotting horse business, and will sell his entire stock of 150 horses, which is now kept at the Hudson River Stock Farm at Poughkeepsie. They include some of the speediest and best pacers and trotters in this part of the country.

POOL.

KEOUGH WON.

New York, Jan. 27.—De Oro went to pieces badly last night in the big pool match at Daly's Academy, and Keough beat him by 92 balls. This added to his lead of 62 balls for the first three nights, leaves Keough 174 balls ahead, score standing: Keough, 602; De Oro, 428. After the play De Oro challenged Keough to play for $5,000 a side, it is said, and the championship.

NOTES OF SPORTS.

After a great deal of bluffing Toledo has decided not to start a boat in the trial races for the Canada cup at Chicago. The excuse is that there is not enough time to build the boat. There was plenty of time last fall.

Jack Hammond beat George Ryan in four rounds at Milwaukee Wednesday night. Last year they fought a draw.

Michigan has arranged to play football in Princeton in 1900 and the Tigers will go to Detroit in 1901.

Chicago has traded Dahlen for Demontreville. Dahlen is the better player, but he is sulky and cross-grained, and does no good to a team.

The Saginaw Good Roads and Cycling Club has perfected organization, and will apply for admission into the League of American Wheelmen.

Rochester has been again given a franchise in the Eastern League, but this time the owners are men who are thought to have pluck enough to hang on and not quit before a man is signed.

WESTERN ONTARIO

Death of Mrs. (Rev.) Scott, of Ridgetown.

St. Thomas Y. M. C. A. Officers.

Brantford's opera house will be considerably enlarged.

The Carlyle Dramatic Company, organized in Brantford, have started on the road.

The Misses Hall, evangelists, are holding meetings in Woodstock. Great interest is being shown.

Mr. Cawthorpe, Ridgetown, will erect an elevator with a capacity of not less than 35,000 bushels.

The Boston Gramophone Concert Company will appear in the town hall of Thamesford Saturday evening.

Andrew Laidlaw, late of the Galt Reformer, has gone to Vancouver, B. C., where he will manage a newspaper.

Essex tobacco growers refuse to sell at 6½ cents per pound. They think there will be a rise of some 2 or 3 cents.

The 26th annual convention of the County of Oxford Sabbath School Association is now in session at Thamesford.

Sam Stover, of Windsor, has sold 100 acres in the fourth concession, south of Mr. McIntyre's, Maidstone, to George Reeb for $2,700.

Samuel Morningstar has been sentenced by P. M. Bemmer, of Simcoe, to three months in the Central Prison for the larceny of a pair of gloves from Mrs. Potter.

Messrs. Tuttle & Fyle, the managers of the Brantford Opera House, are contemplating extensive changes and improvements to the theater before it opens next season.

Mr. Barclay McInally has sold his farm at Lynnville to Mr. S. W. Winter. Mr. Ozro Smith bought Mr. Ansley Culver's farm at Tyrrell; the price is said to be $3,800.

A private letter from Mr. Duncan Campbell, of Simcoe, says that his regiment, the Lancashire Fusiliers, has been transferred to Malta, where he expects to be stationed for some time.

John Roadhouse, of Stevenson, has bought Paul Robinson's farm, near Windsor. He has also bought the farm of William Hearns, adjoining Robinson's, and has now one of the finest farms in the township.

The estimated cost for the construction of an electric railway between Thamesville and Rondeau is placed at $257,968. This would cover trolley cars, wires, tracks and everything essential to the running of the road.

Angus Turner, reeve of Southwold, met with a bad accident on Tuesday. He fell off a load of wood, and was dangerously hurt. Mr. Turner's hired man also had his arm smashed by the wood falling on it.

The directors of the Windsor Driving Park Association have elected John D. Foster, president; W. J. McKee, treasurer, and W. O. Ranrahan, secretary. They will give $10,000 in purses for a harness meeting July 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8.

James Sutherland, M. P., of Woodstock, has started in a trip to the south for the benefit of his health. Mr. Sutherland has been unwell for the past few weeks, suffering from la grippe, and seems unable to shake off his cold.

A quiet wedding took place Wednesday, Jan. 25, at the residence of Elder Pollard, near Iona, when Mr. Archibald S. Thomson and Miss Minnie Burr, both of Aldboro, were united in marriage. Elder Pollard performed the ceremony.

The newly-elected officers of the St. Thomas Y. M. C. A. are: President, E. H. Millington; first vice, Mr. Olmstead; second vice, R. N. Price; treasurer, D. M. Tait; general secretary, B. N. Waterhouse; recording secretary, Charles E. Heard.

Windsor Record: Rosannah Johnson, the deserted wife, who recently bound over her children to the Cary home, when she found she could not recover from her illness, died at an early hour this morning. She was 30 years of age and has been living at 32 Elliott street.

Henry Lesperance, the truant who was sent to jail for ten days by Magistrate Bartlet, of Windsor, and cried so much that he was released the second day, is again under arrest. Magistrate Bartlet says he will now send him to St. John's Industrial school at East Toronto, for at least a year.

John McMullen died at St. Thomas on Wednesday night at the residence of his daughter, Mrs. Jas. Rich, aged 67 years. Deceased had suffered for fifteen years with asthma. He had resided in St. Thomas for 25 years, being employed on the old G. W. R. and G. T. R. He leaves a widow and eight children.

After a short illness, Mr. George Neidraur died at Simcoe on Wednesday. On Sunday night he was playing with his children, when an accident happened which resulted in his death. Deceased was a mason by trade, and leaves a wife and seven children. A post-mortem examination of the remains showed that death resulted from the rupture of a small intestine.

Judge Hughes has given judgment for the plaintiff for $473 62 in the case of Leonard Luton, executor of the estate of the late Mrs. Lydia Ann Montross, against J. W. Clifford, of Kankakee, Ill. The plaintiff sued to recover $400 and interest, money loaned defendant on July 23, 1893. The defendant claimed the money was a gift and not a loan, and even if it was not a gift the debt had been canceled. The defendant claimed as a set-off $200 left him in the will. No action was taken as regards the will, and the plaintiff succeeded in his action.

A pleasant occurrence took place in the Simpson Company's office, Berlin, the other afternoon, when Mr. Abs. Merner, of Waterloo, on behalf of his brothers and himself, presented their father, Hon. Samuel Merner, with a valuable gold-headed cane as a memento of his 76th birthday. The cane was one of the best that could be procured in Toronto, and was suitably engraved.

John Wride, who works for J. W. Jackson, River road, Southwold, met with a terrible accident Tuesday. He was skidding logs, when the edge of one of them rolled around and hedged Wride in between two logs. The man's leg was smashed from the ankle to the knee. A fearful wound, 14 inches in length, resulted. Dr. Lawrence was called, and will be able to save the limb.

James Benedict, a young farmer who lives on the Norwich road, a few miles from Woodstock, was stabbed by his younger brother with a jack-knife during a quarrel on Tuesday night. The friends of the young men say that it was done accidentally, but as the knife blade went into the young man's side during a scuffle, no one can say positively whether the deed was the result of a slip or not. The injured boy is in a critical condition.

The death of Anni, wife of Rev. W. E. Scott, of Ridgetown, whose serious illness was announced, took place the other morning. Deceased, who was in her forty-sixth year, came there with her husband from Norwich about eight years ago. She was a clever musician and will be greatly missed by a large circle of friends and acquaintances, who extend their sincere sympathy to her husband, four sons, and her aged and respected father, Rev. Wm. Daunt.

Enos Harris, con. 1, Mersea, has just completed a violin composed of 5,105 different pieces of wood. There are 85 varieties of wood used in the instrument, which is very symmetrical in form and of rich tone. The pieces of wood are so arranged as to form a pretty design. The number of pieces in each part of the violin is as follows: Back, 2,350; front, 2,133; head, 171; sides and rider, 79; keys, 50; finger-board, 242; string board, 72; bridge, 8.

By an agreement presented to the county council at Woodstock on Tuesday afternoon, Frederick W. Quilps, of Dundas, Ont., is practically appointed guardian over Gladys Myrtle Griffin, an abandoned child, aged one year, for 118 years. In making out the papers the date was fixed at 2015 by the crown attorney, whereas it should have been 1915. None of the councilors noticed the mistake, and the papers were signed as they were.

Rev. Le Burtis, who formerly looked after the spiritual welfare of Woodstock's colored colony, was up on a charge of endeavoring too strongly to look after his own earthly welfare. A woman is in the case, Mrs. Pearly Barber, who accuses the preacher of stealing a violin. Mrs. Barber, with her husband, lodged with Le Burtis until this trouble began, but now they have sought shelter elsewhere by the urgent request of the defendant. The charge was dismissed with costs.

The death occurred in Windsor Tuesday of Alexander Marentette, aged 75 years, at his home on Marentette avenue. The deceased had been ill for over a year from dropsy. He belonged to one of the oldest families on the Canadian frontier. He died on the same lot on which he was born, and the main part of his home was the original house erected by his father. He leaves a family of four children, besides his widow. The children are Mrs. P. Vigneux and Mrs. E. Rondot, Windsor, and Mrs. W. A. Gignac and Alex. Marentette, of Sandwich South.

Miss Lizzie Crozier, milliner with A. Beattie & Co., St. Marys, for the past nine years, left on Monday morning for Carman, Man., to become the bride of Rev. Charles O'Meara, rector of the English Church, Morden, Man. The marriage ceremony will take place on Thursday next at St. John's Anglican Church, Carman, of which the Rev. F. C. O'Meara, a son of the groom, is the rector, and his wife (nee Lydia Crozier) is a sister to the intended bride. Rev. Dean O'Meara, of St. John's College, Winnipeg, brother of the groom, will perform the ceremony.

At a meeting of Lambton sportsmen, held at Sarnia on Wednesday, a resolution was adopted against the petition to the legislature, now being circulated, asking that body to alter the present law with regard to the protection of quail, and praying that the season for taking or shooting these birds commence on Nov. 1 and end on Dec. 15. It was also resolved, that, whereas, petitions to enact a law making it illegal to carry firearms after December in each year for the purpose of killing rabbits or "cottontails," believing that rabbits, or "cottontails" are a pest, and one that is very destructive to crops and young orchards, would urge upon the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Ontario that no such enactment should be made, as it is to the interest of the farmer that he should be permitted to take or destroy the said rabbits, or "cottontails," at all seasons, and by any means, except by poison.

HOW JOHN HELPED JONATHAN.

Washington, Jan. 26.—In the speech of Chairman Davis, of the foreign affairs committee, favoring the adoption of the peace treaty, Senator Davis referred to the part played by Great Britain in blocking continental intervention during the Spanish-American war. He intimated that but for Great Britain's attitude there would have been intervention by the continental powers.

COLIMA IN ERUPTION.

City of Mexico, Jan. 26.—A dispatch from Colima states that the volcano of that name is in full activity. An outburst of smoke followed by lava occurred directly after the earthquake yesterday afternoon. The sight is imposing, and the Indians are moving from the neighborhood of the mountain. No further casualties are reported here.

SIX HUNDRED SICK INDIANS.

Santa Fe, N. M., Jan. 26.—Late information from the Zueno Pueblo, in Western Valencia county, tells of a sad state of affairs among the Indians Smallpox is raging with terrible results and deaths are numerous. Since the disease broke out 217 deaths have occurred and 600 Indians are sick, of whom possibly about one-half will recover.

ECHOES OF THE EATON CASE.

Buffalo, Jan. 26.—There was an unusual termination to an important law suit that was tried before Justice Childs, sitting in the equity term, late yesterday afternoon. The action was that of Homer E. Dudley against fourteen insurance companies. In 1897 the store of John Eaton, in Toronto, was destroyed by fire. The companys declined to adjust the losses, alleging that the stock was overvalued. Rogers, Lock & Milburn, attorneys, brought suit in the supreme court on behalf of Mr. Dudley. The companies were represented by Cordozo & Nathan, of New York, with Adelbert Moot, of this city, as counsel. When the case came up before Mr. Justice Childs yesterday, Mr. Moot moved to amend his answer in certain particulars. Justice Childs refused to grant the motion. Mr. Moot thereupon withdrew from the case. The justice gave a decision against the insurance companies for $58,000.

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Our Practical Problems.

The Young Liberals of Guelph are to be congratulated on the success of their annual banquet Wednesday night. It was distinguished by very practical and inspiring speeches from Hon. Charles Fitzpatrick, the Canadian Solicitor-General, and Mr. George Bertram, M. P., the Toronto manufacturer. The speakers naturally dwelt at length on the topic uppermost in the public mind—the extraordinary commercial progress of the Dominion. Mr. Fitzpatrick went into statistics and pointed out that the chief increases of our exports from 1896 to 1898 had been in pork, bacon and ham, 82 per cent; butter, 94 per cent; cheese, 25 per cent; poultry and game, 430 per cent; eggs, 55 per cent; flour, 655 per cent. We find the American consul at Liverpool pointing to the fact that Canada is the competitor with the United States as purveyor to the British public. Turning to the all-important transportation question, Mr. Fitzpatrick held that something must be done to keep for Canadians the handling of Canadian goods by sea and rail. Last year 167,000,000 bushels of grain, including a large portion of Manitoba crops, were shipped by Buffalo, and only 27,000,000 by the St. Lawrence route, and yet Duluth is 800 miles nearer Liverpool via the St. Lawrence than via New York. The cost of shipment to Great Britain as between Montreal and Boston, from May to October, 1897, was from Montreal 21s 9d cheese, 26s 9d butter; Boston 13s 3d cheese, and 13s 3d butter. Mr. Fitzpatrick says such an injustice to the Canadian farmer cannot be allowed to remain. This is true enough, but the question is, what is the remedy? There are several feasible schemes for diverting the grain traffic to Canadian channels as far as Montreal, but if ocean rates there are so much higher than at Boston and New York, something else must be done. The Government fully realizes this, and will endeavor to make Montreal harbor a modern one in every respect, capable of meeting the enormous augmentation of export trade, which is expected to follow the transportation improvements in this province. The increased demand for ocean carriers will result in an increased supply, and, in consequence, ocean rates should be forced down. If anything in the nature of a shipping ring prevents this, it will be the duty of the Government to step in and force redress.

Mr. Bertram had a good deal to say about the preferential tariff and the British market. He maintained that the step taken by the Liberal Government in giving British goods a preference over those of other countries was the first step towards what he believed might some day become a British preference for our goods. Perhaps so; but we do not think it will come before the British masses are convinced that it will not raise the price of their food. Mr. Bertram is on solid ground when he aserts that the Canadian policy had created in the mother country a friendly feeling for Canadian products. In support of this he read a resolution passed by the Federated Associations of Boot and Shoe Manufacturers, held at Leeds, recommending British boot manufacturers to give a preferential consideration to the leather imported from Canada and other colonies admitting British goods free or under a preferential tariff.

Mr. Bertram attaches far greater importance to the American market than to the British. To quote from his speech:

"We knew that there would be no door closed against us in Great Britain. We could get our goods into England free of duty, and therefore that was the market that we required to cultivate. If we cultivated a great business in the United States, they might, if they found that we were getting a good trade, close the doors against us. Therefore we should cultivate trade with Britain."

The Liberal party has always held that freer trade relations between Canada and the United States would be beneficial to both countries, but any commercial treaty with our neighbors is almost valueless unless a reasonable duration is assured. We presume that our commissioners at Washington, if a reciprocity schedule is arranged, will secure some guarantee of stability. Otherwise Canadian interests built up by the American market are likely to be overturned by the whim of Congress; but Canadian interests that rely on the British market have a permanent foundation.

Mr. Bertram's glowing picture of the agricultural and mineral development of our Northwest was quite justified by the facts. Incidentally he refuted a statement made by Mr. A. W. Wright at the Toronto Conservative Club that 21 years ago Mr. Bertram, at a meeting in Lindsay, had spoken in favor of out-and-out free trade. We give Mr. Bertram's reply in full, as it is an excellent exposition of the Liberal tariff policy:

He (Mr. Bertram) read the following extract from the report of his speech on that occasion, published in the Lindsay paper on Aug. 22, 1878: "He claimed that the issue was not free trade or protection, as Mr. Fraser put it; for the necessities of the revenue, as Mr. Mackenzie and Mr. Cartwright had over and over again stated, required the imposition of duties which were so levied as to be advantageous to our own industries without injuring the consumer." Mr. Bertram maintained that that position, so far as he was a humble exponent of the tariff policy of the Liberal party was concerned, was exactly the position of the Liberal party today. He maintained that if we could go back to the old Mackenzie policy it would have been much better for the country today, but the expenditure of the country had increased to such an enormous extent that we could not go back to the tariff of Mackenzie's time—17½ per cent. He simply called attention to that fact to show that 21 years ago his position on the tariff was exactly the same as it is today.

Decrease in Chattel Mortgages.

The first installment of the annual report of the Ontario Bureau of Industries, has just been issued for distribution, and contains the record of chattel mortgages down to 1897. The figures are interesting, as they afford some indication of the progress of the province. It is a good sign that the number and value of chattel mortgages showed a falling off in 1897, and were the lowest in five years. The number on record and undischarged for the year ending Dec. 31, 1897, and the eight preceding years, is thus tabulated:

	Number.	Amounts.
1897	21,526	$13,382,195
1896	21,789	13,561,716
1895	22,391	11,012,320
1894	21,759	11,220,205
1893	19,722	9,333,385
1892	19,382	10,045,477
1891	19,418	9,504,388
1890	17,903	8,978,858
1889	16,214	7,491,908

More than one-half the number of all these mortgages are registered against farmers, but the farmers' mortgages total only $3,933,600. In the number of mortgages York leads, with 2,439; Kent has 1,262, Grey 1,251, Simcoe 942, Bruce 911 and Middlesex 828. In amounts, York leads, with $1,804,656; Carleton has $1,049,157, Peterboro $631,504, Victoria $611,334, Nipissing $579,363, Parry Sound $576,910, and then Algoma, Haliburton, Grey and Middlesex, in the order named. The standing of the large and populous county of Middlesex is very favorable.

The English Liberal Party.

The Liberal party in England cannot, at the present time, be said to be in an enviable condition. With the leadership question still unsettled, and the division of opinion as to Imperial politics, it looks as if her Majesty's Opposition was likely to remain an opposition for some time, and would not be fit for the most effective work even in that form. If criticism from within and without could cure the ills of the party, it would soon be in a state of perfect health. With all due deference to the Duke of Argyle, the Liberal party is not suffering from want of "brains;" all the brains did not go when he and some others left it. The other party has been called the "stupid party," but Liberalism has had, if anything, too much thought and freedom of thought. By its very nature it encourages individualism, and can never have the rigid party discipline of those whose policy is for the most part to maintain "the established fact." We cannot expect the Duke of Argyle to be very sympathetic as to the present difficulties, however freely he may proffer his advice, and say, "I told you so."

The difficulties are no doubt very great, and only by wise and united action can they be removed. The party has suffered for its sacrifices for the cause of Ireland, although that land has already reaped substantial advantages. It has suffered also in the cause of temperance—a cause which has a hard battle to fight in the old land. There is evidently a division of opinion on Imperial policy, as is shown by Mr. Morley's strongly expressed fears that jingoism is again rampant. There are also some who must be classed as Liberals who reproach Mr. Morley for having no political furniture but "the green flag." All this is confusing, especially to those of us who view things from a distance. Lord Salisbury, however, does not think that even now his party can with safety relax its watchfulness. Some "Mad Mullah" may arise to inspire and lead the popular host. One cannot imagine Mr. Campbell-Bannerman or Lord Rosebery in the roll of "Mad Mullah." Mr. Gladstone, when on the war-path, seemed to those who had no sympathy with his programme to be a leader of that kind. The idea, however, is that it is only by enthusiasm, as well as intelligence, that the Liberal party can regain its old power.

Will Interest Disappear?

The philosopher of the Bobcaygeon Independent discusses the continued fall of interest in a pessimistic strain. He says: "Should this diminution in the value of money proceed much further, and the indications are that such will be the case, is it worth the labor of saving money? What's the use of saving money if, when saved, it will produce no interest? It is quite within the range of possibility that twenty years hence 2 per cent will be the market value of capital; in 40 years it will be 1 per cent, and before 60 years have gone will have no per cent attached to it. If everybody wants to lend and nobody wants to borrow, what's the use of saved up money?"

The same thought has been troubling many others. It is not possible, however, to conceive such a thing as a permanent extinction of interest. It is likely that with the accumulation of money the rate of interest will continue to sink gradually. Supposing that it should touch bottom, then the people who depend on the interest of their money would be compelled to eat up the principal or embark it in enterprises that promised more capital. The result would be a great diminution of capital and an increase in its activity at the same time. The inevitable law of demand and supply would send the rate of interest up with a jump. The tendency of falling interest to force money into productive or speculative channels operates to prevent the rate from dropping to zero. It is hard to believe that money will go begging while there are such vast fields for capitalistic enterprise still unexplored. The opening up of undeveloped territories which are rapidly passing into the hands of the great powers will certainly draw off masses of capital from congested centers in the near future. This will increase the market value of money, and depositors in savings banks will fare better.

Altogether, the outlook does not warrant anyone in giving up the saving habit.

The new Liberal Government in Quebec is keeping its pledges. In one year the people of the province have had their annual expenditures decreased $438,557; their revenues increased without additional taxation, $301,336, and their debt reduced $113,997.

This Congressman Tawney, who is blathering about the Canadians being whipped on the lumber question, is spoken of as the probable successor of Mr. Dingley on the joint high commission. We imagine President McKinley will have better taste than to nominate a man who is a self-confessed tool of the lumber ring.

By the removal of Rev. Canon Richardson, who has accepted the rectorship of Arva, the community loses a good citizen, and the Anglican Church in this city one of its strongest men. The canon is a broad-minded churchman, and has done much to promote inter-denominational goodwill. The Presbyterians are to be congratulated on the retention of Rev. A. J. McGillivray, who has brought strength to the local pulpit forces, and has reinvigorated St. James' Church. May his congregation continue to grow and prosper.

GREAT BRITAIN'S CIVIL SERVICE

The Finest in the World, Says Harper's Magazine.

The British monarchy is restrained and directed, it is true, by the law-making power, but it is not hampered by it—at least it is not hampered as in our own executive by congress. It cannot exercise a will independent of and above the law, but it is not forced to accept its important administrative officers at the dictation of either house of the legislative branch, as our president is often compelled to do by the senate, and it possesses in a large measure the discretion which is essential to sound administration. Undoubtedly the finest administrative body in the world is the civil service of Great Britain—trained, permanent, resting on merit alone, its members bound to no duty but to that of administering the laws faithfully and impartially, and protected from punishment or degradation for their political opinions or for compelling "great men" as well as little men to obey. We also have begun to build up a trained and permanent civil service, but for inferior officers only, and we will not have such an efficient executive as Hamilton hoped for and expected from the constitution until we recognize the fact that the legislative branch of the government must be checked; that our fathers went too far in their crusade against the executive power; that, however excusable may have been their fear of kings in the eighteenth century, there are strong reasons now why the constitutional consequences of that fear should be modified and why there should be a readjustment of the relations between the executive and legislative branches of the government. The fact that the revolt against executive power in the eighteenth century went too far for the comfort of the nineteenth in this country is not yet generally or even widely recognized, but that there is now a revolt against undue legislative power is evident from the growing length and complexity of the state constitutions, and in the efforts of the people, expressed in their own fundamental laws, to limit and restrain the power of their legislatures. —Harper's Magazine.

THE MAJOR'S PET SPIDER

A Romance of the Soudan War—Major Lawrie's Experience.

[London Correspondence Chicago Record.]

Major Lawrie, one of the officers concerned in the late Soudan campaign, is the hero of a strange story. Before the battle of Atbara he found in his helmet, or the ventilator of it, a big spider, which came out in the evening, caught as many flies as possible and returned to its strange home. The major, perhaps from a remembrance of the story of Bruce and the spider, or perhaps from superstitious reasons, left his little friend alone and went into the battle of Atbara wearing the helmet with the spider safely inside. Men fell all around him, but Major Lawrie received not so much as a scratch. At Omdurman the spider was still cozily nestled in his helmet. The major commanded a battery, but again he came through unwounded, and the spider, slumbering peacefully, waited for the battle to finish before getting his supper of flies.

When the campaign was over Major Lawrie packed his belongings to send home, among them being the helmet with the spider still inside. Afterward he remembered with remorse the little friend that had not forsaken him through the fire of battle, and that he had sent him home packed up without anything to eat. When he arrived home himself he opened his helmet box, expecting to find a little corpse, but instead he found the spider alive and vigorous and possessed of two very vigorous little spiders. The story made no little impression on the major's friends, and one of the most conspicuous presents to the bride of the recent wedding was a diamond spider.

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CECIL RHODES' GREAT SCHEME

An American View of His Imperial Enterprise.

Will Be a Great Civilising Agency and Be a Gain to the World.

[Chicago Times-Herald.]

The indefatigable and ever confident Rhodes is now in London for the purpose of raising millions to build a railroad from Buluwayo to Khartoum, whence connections would be made with Cairo. Out of these millions it is probable that he expects to realize millions and incidentally to consolidate the British Empire. Undoubtedly he is not giving the briefest squint in the direction of philanthropy, and yet this same railroad would probably become one of the greatest civilizing agencies the world has ever known.

It was the coming of the locomotive that put an end to the frightful barbarities of the red savage on this continent, and the successful operation of Mr. Rhodes' scheme would mean the banishment of still greater horrors from a large part of Africa. The American Indian was fierce, cruel and remorseless, but he seems quite a respectable person after one reads of the wanton butcheries of the tribesmen as well as their foes by Zulu and Matabele chiefs.

The Rhodes railway already extends as far north from Cape Town as Buluwayo, where Lobengula's principal kraal used to be, and it has wrought wonders. In place of the human shambles of the black ruler with their sickening stench of blood there is a lively and enterprising market town where English justice is administered and security is guaranteed to life and property.

Communications are kept open beyond this point for some 200 miles north to Salisbury, but the distance from Buluwayo to Khartoum is more than 3,000 miles, and for the most part the country is known only to a few intrepid explorers. It is at the very heart of the dark continent out of which has emerged those mysterious lakes at the headwaters of the Nile about which there was formerly so much wild speculation.

In the northern part, toward Khartoum above the equatorial region, deserts and dervishes succeed to the lakes and the lake tribes, but Kitchener's victory has taken the starch out of the dervishes and the deserts can be easily conquered.

Once the road is built and evidence is given it is to be vigorously maintained neither Arab nor black man will be likely to cause much trouble in the future. The encouragement to trade will have its effect, and so will the native recognition of the fact that it is an easy matter to transport troops by cars. Africa will be revolutionized throughout its great length.

It is a grand enterprise which Rhodes, the indomitable, has in view, and one which may well stir the imagination of a whole nation. If it is carried through to England's gain and glory it will be also a gain to the African and to the world.

JUST LIKE THE TURKS

A Request for Sanitary Statistics and the Reply.

The following is related by the Sud-deutsche Apotheker Zeitung, as quoted in the National Druggist, St. Louis. It is said to be an actual occurrence:

A French official of the bureau of mortuary statistics of Paris wrote to an official in Constantinople holding a similar position under the Turkish Government, inclosing blanks containing the following queries:

1. What is the average annual rate of mortality in your city?
2. What is the average annual birth rate?
3. What regulations exist in regard to your water supply?
4. What, approximately, is the value of the annual importations of medical supplies?
5. What is the value of the exports of same?
6. Please insert here any remarks or information you may have in regard to general sanitary conditions in your city or province.

The official at Constantinople indorsed the blanks, and had them sent to the various cities named in the Frenchman's communication, and after a while there came from Damascus one of the documents filled out as follows:

"1. Here in Damascus everyone dies according to the will of Allah—some old, some young, as he appoints.

"2. We do not know this. Allah alone knows it.

"3. As long as the memory of man runneth backward, no man or woman or child hath died from want of water.

"4 and 5. Therefore have we never worried—and how can it be possible that we should know how many laden camels come or go out of Damascus, or with what they are laden?

"6. Since the time when Allah sent unto us his Prophet, Mohammed, and he, the Prophet, blessed be his name, purged and cleansed the world with fire and sword—since then, I say, a good many things have become better. But, yet, there remains much to be done, and everywhere there is opportunity to help and to do good. And, now, O thou, my lamb of comfort, the apple of the eye of the West, hearken unto me, and cease to question. It profiteth neither thee, nor me, nor anyone else soever. It is not good that man should trouble himself about things that belong to Allah alone to know! Salaam aleikum—peace be with thee."

The Druggists remarks that if this is not genuine, it ought to be, for it is very characteristic, as anyone who has dealt with Trkish officials can testify.

Wrinkles.

Wrinkles are caused naturally by age, by the gradual absorption of the little cushions of fat under the skin. They are caused prematurely by loss of sleep, by worry, by ill-nature, by the very ugly contortions of the features which so many people indulge in while talking. Look in your mirror, laugh violently, scowl, etc., and see where the wrinkles form! If women would only learn to let their words express their meanings instead of aiding them by tying their brows, eyes and mouth into knots. If they would put expression into their eyes instead of vainly trying to make expressions out of lines about the eyes, if they would laugh lightly and pleasantly instead of with the loud guffaw, "that speaks the vacant mind," If they would not scold or fret, and would sleep enough, they could escape wrinkles, which may be "honorable," but surely are not attractive, for years longer than they now do.

Wrinkles can be helped by feeding the skin. They can be removed by skin specialists, who take off the skin of the face and charge goodly sums for doing so. They can be prevented to a large extent by judicious care of the skin. Prevention is easier and much cheaper than cure.—Belle Aubrey, in the Gentlewoman for January.

HOW IT BEGAN

A Conversation That Led to English Penny Postage.

A Girl Who Could Not Pay—It Set Rowland Hill Thinking.

[Philadelphia Times.]

Sir Rowland Hill, the great English postal reformer, was at one time a schoolmaster. After he had taught for a number of years his health gave way, and, finding a change necessary, he decided to travel.

While traveling in the north of England in 1834 he stopped one morning in an inn as a postman came to deliver a letter. The letter was for the innkeeper's young daughter. She took it from the postman, carefully examined it on both sides, and then asked the amount of postage due.

"One shilling," the postman answered.

The girl at once handed him the unopened letter and said:

"I am sorry I cannot receive the letter, for it is from my brother, but I have not the money to pay so much postage.

Mr. Hill overheard the conversation, between the postman and the girl, and he paid the postage. The girl blushed, and seemed greatly confused when the letter was again given to her, and as soon as the postman had gone she told Mr. Hill that the letter was merely a trick between herself and her brother. Certain marks on the wrapper told her all she wished to know, and the paper inside contained no writing.

"We are too poor to pay so much postage," she further explained, "and so devised this method of correspondence."

This incident gave Sir Rowland "something to think about," and he kept thinking until postage reform became the object of his life. He was thoroughly convinced that a postal system that caused even the boys and girls of the land to resort to trickery and deception must indeed be a very harmful one.

He entered the British civil service in 1835, and in 1837 brought forward in pamphlet form "a plan of uniform penny postage." His plan was much opposed, but he labored faithfully, untiringly, and at last convinced the House of Commons that the penny postage system would enrich the government and be a real blessing to all the Queen's subjects.

Accordingly, in 1840, it was decided that letters weighing not more than half an ounce should be sent for a penny, and penny postage stamps bearing an image of the Queen's head were ordered to be used. In 1845 the penny postage system was adopted in America.

Sir Rowland Hill received many high honors as rewards for his earnest, successful labors for postal reform. He died at the age of eighty-three years, and is buried in Westminster Abbey.

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Would you listen to music entrancing,
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When the keen winds of winter awaken,
And list to the song of the wires.

'Tis the telegraph harp, stretched to tuning
On posts that the fall forests gave;
And these answer, when wild winds are crooning,
Their brothers whose branches still wave.

But of nature the tree tops are singing,
The secrets of forest and fen;
While the wires, their swift messages winging,
Chant the will and good wishes of men.

—Judge.

The A to Z of Pessimism.

Little babe,
Mother's prayer.
Little boy,
Lots of dare.
College youth,
Football hair.
Fearless man,
Country air.
Pretty maid,
Lovely snare.
Priestly priest,
Youthful pair.
Little kids,
Wear and tear,
Troubled life,
Worldly care.
End in sight,
Dread despair.
Graveyard scene—
That's all, I swear.

—New York Sun.

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THE MARKETS.

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Foley	92	..
Hammond Reef	22½	19¼
Hiawatha	27	..
Old Ironsides	108	100
Sawbill	25	10
Cariboo	148	146
Minnehaha	20	17¼
Cariboo Hydraulic	100	..
Tin Horn	12	..
Smuggler	8½	7½
Knob Hill	82½	80
Waterloo	9	8¼
Olive	96	95
Golden Cache	4	..
Dundee	35	31
Athabasca	43	41½
Golden Star	47½	46½
Dardanelles	17	15
Superior G. and C. Co	11½	8
Noble Five	17	15
Rambler-Cariboo Con	28	23
Crow's Nest Pass Coal	38	36
Van Anda	3½	..
Big Three	16½	15¼
Commander	10	9
Deer Park	19	17
Homestake	..	4
Evening Star	7	6
Giant	6	3
Good Hope	3½	..
Grand Prize	4	2
Iron Colt	..	8½
Iron Mask	90	86
Montreal Red Mountain	23⅛	19
Monte Cristo	10½	9½
Northern Belle	3½	2
Novelty	4½	2
Virginia	44	40
War Eagle Con	325	321
White Bear	6½	4¼
B. C. Gold Fields	5½	4½
E. M. Syndicate	..	6¼
Gold Hills	6	5

SALES—Morning—Athabasca, 1,000 at 40½. 1,000, 300 at 41½; Dardanelles, 3,000 at 16; Big Three, 500 at 15½; Commander, 500, 500 at 10; Deer Park, 500 at 17; Silver Bell Con., 1,000 at 5; Monte Cristo, 1,000 at 9¾; Hammond Reef, 1,000 at 21; Minnehaha 1,000 at 17; Smuggler, 500, 500, 600, 500 at 7½, 1,000, 500 at 7⅝. Afternoon sales—Can. G. F. S., 1,000 at 6¼; Hammond Reef, 1,000 at 21; Grand Prize, 3,000 at 3.

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Local Market.

London, Friday, Jan. 27.

Wheat, white fall, per bu ..69½c to 70c
Wheat, red fall, per bu...69½c to 69½c
Peas, per bu.....54c to 63c
Oats, per bu.....29½c to 29½c
Corn, per bu.....44c to 45c
Barley, per bu .....38½c to 48c
Buckwheat per bu.....45c to 48c

The receipts were very light today. No change in prices. Quotations:

GRAIN.			
Wheat, white, fall, per 100 lbs	1 17	@	1 17
Wheat, red, fall, per 100 lbs	1 16	@	1 17
Wheat, pring, per 100 lbs	1 16	@	1 16
Oats, per 100 lbs	87	@	87
Peas, per 100 lbs	90	@	1 95
Corn, per 100 lbs	70	@	80
Barley, per 100 lbs	82	@	1 00
Rye, per 100 lbs	85	@	85
Bean,s per bu	..	@	..
PROVISIONS.			
Honey, comb	9	@	12
Honey, extracted	7	@	10
Cheese, per lb	10	@	12
Eggs, single dozen	20	@	22
Eggs, fresh, basket, dozen	18	@	18
Eggs, per dozen, basket, p'kd.	14	@	14
Eggs, fresh, store lots, doz	00	@	00
Butter, per lb, retail	18	@	20
Butter, pound rolls, baskets	16	@	16
Butter, lb, large rolls or crocks	14	@	15
Butter, per lb, tubs or firkins	10	@	14
Lard, per lb	9	@	10
VEGETABLES AND FRUIT			
Pumpkins, per doz	50	@	1 00
Potatoes, per bag	75	@	80
Apples, per bag	50	@	00
Apples, per basket	15	@	40
Apples, per barrel	1 50	@	2 50
Beets, per dozen bunches	20	@	20
Onions, per bu	60	@	90
Celery, per doz bunches	40	@	50
Turnips, per bag	25	@	30
Carrots, per bu	12½	@	25
Parsnips, per doz. bunches	40	@	50
LIVE STOCK.			
Young pigs, per pair	2 00	@	3 50
Cows, each	20 00	@	40 00
Beef, per lb	2¼	@	4
Hogs, light, per 100 lbs	4 00	@	4 10
Hogs heavy, per 100 lbs	3 50	@	5 00
Pigs, young, per pair	2 50	@	4 00
Sows, per 100	3 25	@	3 50
Ducks, per pair	50	@	25
Chickens, per pair	30	@	40
Hen per pair	40	@	50
HAY AND SEEDS.			
Hay, per ton	6 50	@	7 50
Straw, per load	2 50	@	2 50
MEAT, HIDES, ETC.			
Beef, front quarters, per lb	4½	@	5
Beef, hind quarters, per lb	5½	@	6½
Mutton, quarters, per lb	5	@	6
Veal, quarters, per lb	5½	@	6
Lamb, quarter	8	@	9
Dressed hogs, 100 lbs, light	5 25	@	5 35
Dressed hogs 100 lbs, heavy	4 50	@	5 00
Hides, No. 1, per lb	7¼	@	7½
Hides, No. 2, per lb	6¼	@	6½
Hides, No. 3, per lb	5½	@	5½
Calfskins, green	8	@	8
Wool, washed, per lb	16	@	17
Wool, unwashed, per lb	9	@	11
Chickens, per pair	35	@	60
Ducks, per lb	7	@	7
Turkeys, per lb	8½	@	9
Geese, per lb	5	@	6

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St. Thomas Market.

St. Thomas, Jan. 25.—Wheat, per bu, 68c to 70c; oats, 30c to 32c; peas, 45c to 50c; barley, 38c to 40c; corn, 35c to 40c; beans, 80c to 90c.

American Markets.

CHICAGO, Jan. 26. — The leading futures closed as follows: Wheat—Jan., 74⅞c; May, 77⅞c; July, 74⅞c to 75c. Corn—Jan., 36½c; May, 38¼c; July, 39½c. Oats—May, 28¾c; July, 26½c. Pork—May, $10 57½. Lard—May, $5 87½; July, $6. Ribs—May, $5 17½; July, $5 30. Cash quotations: Flour steady. No. 2 spring wheat, 72¾c to 74c; No. 3 spring wheat, 68c to 72c; No. 2 red, 74c to 77c. No. 2 corn, 37c to 37½c; No. 2 yellow corn, 37½c. No. 2 oats, 27¼c to 27½c; No. 2 white, 30c to 31c; No. 3 white, 29½c to 30c. No. 2 rye, 58½c. No. 2 barley, 44c to 53c. No. 1 flaxseed, $1 16 to $1 16½; Northwest, $1 19½ to $1 20. Prime timothy seed, $2 30. Mess pork, $10 30 to $10 35. Short ribs, $4 80 to $5 10. Dry salted shoulders, 4¼c to 4¾c. Short clear sides, $5 10 to $5 20. Sugar, unchanged. Eggs, firm; fresh, 15½c to 16c.

RECEIPTS—Flour, 32,400 bushels; wheat, 412,000 bushels; corn, 485,000 bushels; oats, 223,000 bushels; rye, 9,800 bushels; barley 43,600 bushels.

SHIPMENTS—Flour, 32,400 barrels; wheat, 39,000 bushels; corn, 273,700 bushels; oats, 212,400 bushels; rye, 35,000 bushels; barley, 15,000 bushels.

The Hide Market.

Toronto, Jan. 26.—Hides are in light supply, and all coming in here are readily taken at the best prices recently quoted, and the tone of the market, especially for cured hides, is firmer. Green cows are quoted at 8½c, and steers weighing 60 pounds and up are quoted a little higher this week, at 9¼c to 9½c.

Sheepskins are in fair demand, and the market is steady. The price is a little higher now, because there being more wool on the skin they are worth more money, and are quoted at 90c for good average skins.

Calfskins are dull, and prices are nominal.

Tallow—There is a better demand, and the market is higher. Local dealers are offering 4c and asking 4½c.

The Oil Market.

PITTSBURG, Jan. 26.—Oil closed at $1 16.
PITTSBURG, Pa., Jan. 27.—Oil opened $1 16.
PETROLIA, Jan. 27.—Oil opened and closed at $1 40.

English Markets.

Ruling prices for the past four market days—The following table shows the quotations per cental at Liverpool for the three previous market days. In the case of wheat highest prices are given.

	Jan. 23.	Jan. 24.	Jan. 25.	Jan. 26.
WHEAT—				
Red Winter	6 2	6 2	6 2	6 3½
No. 1 Nor. Spring	6 0	6 0	6 0	6 1½
No. 1 Cal.	6 10	6 10	6 10	6 11
Dec.	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0
March	5 9¾	5 10⅜	5 10¾	5 11⅛
May	5 7⅞	5 8¾	5 8¾	5 10½
CORN—				
New	3 9¾	3 10¼	2 10¼	3 11⅛
Old	0 0	3 10¾	3 10¾	3 11⅛
Jan	3 10⅛	3 10⅝	3 10½	3 11⅛
March	3 8¾	3 8¾	3 8⅜	3 9
May	3 8	3 8½	3 8	3 8⅝
Flour	19 0	19 0	19 0	19 0
Peas	5 10½	5 10½	5 10½	5 10½
Pork	50 0	50 0	50 0	50 0
Lard	29 0	29 3	29 3	29 3
Tallow	22 6	22 6	22 6	22 6
Bacon, light	26 6	26 6	26 6	26 6
Cheese, white	49 0	49 0	49 0	49 0
Cheese, colored	49 0	49 0	49 0	49 0

Liverpool, Jan. 27—12:30 p.m.

Wheat—Spot firm; No. 1 Cal., 6s 10d to 6s 11d; No. 1 red northern spring, 6s 1d; spot No. 2 red western winter, 6s 3d.

Corn—Spot firm; **American mixed, new,** stocks exhausted; do old, firm 3s 11¼d; futures, quiet; Jan., old, 3s 10d; March, 3s 8¾d; May, 3s 8d.

Flour—St. Louis fancy winter, steady, 7s 9d.

Peas—Canadian, 5s 10½d.

Beef—Dull; **Extra India mess, 65s; prime mess, 60s.**

Pork—**Prime mess, fine western, 50s.**

Bacon—Cumberland cut, 28 to 30 lbs, steady, 35s 6d; long clear middles, heavy, 40 to 45 lbs, dull, 26s 6d; short clear backs, 16 to 18 lbs, 27s 6d; long clear middles, light, 35 to 38 lbs, dull, 27s; short ribs, 20 to 24 lbs, strong, 32s; clear bellies, 14 to 16 lbs, steady, 34s.

Hams—Short cut, 14 to 16 lbs, dull, 37s.

Lard—Prime western, 29s 6d.

Butter—Finest United States, 96s; good, 65s.

Cheese—American, finest white 49s; do colored, 49s.

Tallow—Prime city, firm, 22s 6d.

Turpentine spirits—31s 9d

Rosin—Common, 4s 1½d.

Petroleum—Refined, 6s 8d.

Linseed oil—17s.

Cottonseed oil—Liverpool refined, 14s 9d.

Dairy Markets.

NEW YORK, Jan. 26.—Butter firm; western creamery, 14c to 19c; do, factory, 12c to 14c; Elgins, 19c; imitation creamery, 13c to 16c; state dairy, 13c to 17c; do, creamery, 14c to 18½c. Cheese firm; large white, 10½c; small white, 11c to 11¼c; large colored, 10½c; small white, 11c to 11¼c; light skims, 7½c to 8¼c; part skims, 6½c to 7½c; full skims, 3c to 3½c.

CHICAGO, Jan. 26.—Butter easy; creameries, 13c to 18c; dairies, 11c to 16c. Cheese steady; creameries, 9½c to 11c.

Live Stock Markets

CHICAGO, Jan. 26.—The market for cattle today was active so far as good droves were concerned, at strong prices, there being the usual scarcity of the better class of heavy matured beeves; the common to poor quality was not particularly active, and most sellers called prices for such 5c to 10c lower; fancy cattle brought $6 to $6 30; choice steers, $5 60 to $5 95; medium steers, $5 to $5 25; beef steers, $4 to $4 90; stockers and feeders, $3 35 to $4 75; bulls, $2 75 to $4 25; cows and heifers, $3 30 to $4; western fed steers, $4 10 to $5 85; Texas steers, $3 90 to $5 25; calves, $3 50 to $7. The supply of hogs exceeded the demand, and sales ruled 5c lower; fair to choice, $3 75 to $3 85; packing lots, $3 50 to $3 70; mixed, $3 50 to $3 77½; butchers, $3 55 to $3 80; light, $3 45 to $3 72½; pigs, $3 20 to $3 55. Competition among buyers of sheep was brisk and prices advanced a point; inferior to choice sheep brought $2 90 to $4 25; ewes, $3 60 to $3 80; yearling wethers, $4 to $4 60; western lambs, $4 65 to $4 90; feeders, $4 25 to $4 75. Receipts: Cattle, 12,000; hogs, 40,000; sheep, 17,000.

EAST BUFFALO, Jan. 26.—Cattle — The offerings were about three loads, for which there was a fair demand, and prices steady. Calves were in moderate improved demand; choice to extra were quotable at $7 25 to $7 75; good to choice, $7 to $7 50; the prospects are for higher prices. Sheep and lambs — The offerings were moderate—22 loads; the general condition of the market was about the same as yesterday; the basis being 5c, with a few sales a little higher; lambs, choice to extra, $4 85 to $5; good to choice, $4 75 to $4 85; common to good, $4 50 to $4 40; good to choice, $4 to $4 25; the offerings were pretty well cleaned up. Hogs—The offerings were not large, but sufficient for demand, which was not strong enough to maintain prices at yesterday's figures, and a decline of 10c resulted; Yorkers were quotable at $3 75 to $3 80; medium and mixed, $3 90 to $3 95; good heavy, $3 95 to $4; only a few at the outside prices; the close was about steady.

MONTREAL, Jan. 26.—The receipts at the east end abattoir this morning were 400 head of cattle, 25 calves, 50 sheep and 100 lambs. The weather was fine, and there was a large number of buyers. Good cattle sold at 4¼c to 4¾c per lb., lower grades at 2c to 3c per lb. Calves sold at $3 to $10, according to size. Good sheep brought from 3c to 3½c per lb., and culls from 2c to 2½c per lb. Lambs sold at 4c to 4½c per lb. Hogs sold at $4 20 to $4 40.

NEW YORK, Jan. 26.—Beeves—Receipts 1,000 head; all exporters and slaughterers; nothing doing; feeling steady. Cattle firm; refrigerator beef higher, at 11¼c per lb. Exports today, 285 cattle, 18 shep and 2,080 quarters of beef; tomorow, none. Cattle—Receipts 19; firm and all sold; veals, $6 to $8 37½; car of southern calves, $4. Sheep and lambs—Receipts, 3,487; 21 cars on sale; shep quiet and steady; lambs dull, but not quotable lower; 12 cars, mainly lambs; unsold; fair to prime sheep, $4 to $4 37½; lambs, common to choice, $4 62½ to $5 30. Hogs—Receipts, 1,570; 207 on sale; market easier, at $4 to $4 27; general sales, $4 20 for good hogs.

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Bowmanville, Jan. 23.—Marvelous indeed is the case of Mr. A. W. Gibbons, miller, of this town.

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John Maxwell, reeve of Glamorgan, has been elected warden of the county of Halliburton.

CALL TO GUELPH WAS SET ASIDE

Rev. A. J. McGillivray Decides to Remain

With the Congregation of St. James' in This City.

This Means That the Church Will Go North—Presbytery Deals With a Number of Remits From the Assembly.

THURSDAY.

At yesterday afternoon's meeting of the London Presbytery, held in the First Presbyterian Church, discussion of the call to Rev. A. J. McGillivray, of St. James' Church, city, to St. Andrew's Church, Guelph, was resumed.

Rev. D. C. Johnson was the first speaker from St. James' Church. He repelled the charge that they had not implemented their engagement with their pastor, and made a strong plea for his retention.

Messrs. Gray, McNeil, Brown and Wyatt all made earnest and really very clever speeches.

Col. McCrae replied on behalf of the Guelph delegation, and several questions were put to the representatives.

Rev. Robert Johnston, of St. Andrew's, made a statement concerning the work that his church had gathered in the northern part of the city. St. Andrew's had undertaken to present the mission property free of incumbrance, to the congregation of St. James', and also a contribution of $200 a year for two years.

Rev. Mr. Clark said he did not feel it necessary to make any statement at this juncture, inasmuch as Mr. McGillivray knew his mind in relation to the proposed northward movement.

On motion, the commissioners were removed from the bar and the call put in Mr. McGillivray's hands, when he asked for a short time to consider the matter.

Rev. Mr. Johnston reported in regard to the arreas of Kintore congregation to their late pastor, Rev. J. Munro. For the years 1896-8 he received at the rate of $600. The committee had no recommendation to make.

It was moved by Rev. Mr. Henderson, seconded by Rev. Mr. Clark, that after hearing the report the presbytery had no ground for taking action.

Rev. R. Johnston presented the report of the committee on remits from synod and assembly.

The first item was in regard to the appointment of an evangelist by the synod, and the committee's recommendation that evangelistic work be conducted by settled ministers within the bounds of each presbytery, rather than by a permanent appointee, was adopted by the presbytery.

The second remit was in regard to the statistical report of the church. The recommendation of the committee was in favor of the remit as sent down. It was received, and the discussion of it postponed until the March meeting.

The next remit was in regard to the appointment of synodical home mission committees. The committee recommended that this course be followed, and it was accepted by the presbytery.

The next remit was on the matter of a uniform examination for students coming up for license, and the committee's recommendation was that such a course should be followed. It was decided that this item should be left over till the meeting in March for discussion.

The presbytery decided against the reduction of representation in the assembly from one-fourth to one-sixth.

At this stage Mr. McGillivray stated, after certain explanations in regard to the history of St. James' since his connection with it, that he felt it to be his duty to remain in London.

It was moved by Mr. Stuart, seconded by Dr. Proudfoot, that the call be set aside.

Expression of opinion was given by Messrs. Clark and Johnson, as well as the mover and seconder, expressing gratification at the decision arrived at by Mr. McGillivray, and the motion was unanimously carried.

Col. McCrae expressed his regret, but also his hope that God would so bless Mr. McGillivray in his work that he would never regret his decision.

On motion, Mr. McGillivray was appointed convener of the committee on Church Life and Work in the Presbytery.

It was reported that the congregations of First Church, St. Andrew's and St. James' Churches, London, had increased the stipends of their respective pastors.

The moderator and clerk were authorized to sign necessary documents, if St. James' congregation, in due order, disposed of their present property.

The remit of the assembly in the matter of the formation of an assembly fund for the expenses of commissioners to assembly meetings was approved of.

The remit on supplies of vacancies was also approved of.

A letter was read from the widow of the late Rev. Dr. Cochrane, stating appreciation of the presbytery's resolution re Dr. Cochrane's decease.

It was decided that if St. James' selected a site, they should notify the sessions of First and St. Andrew's Churches, and, provided no objection is entered by them, that they have liberty to proceed.

It was resolved that the next regular meeting of presbytery be held in First Church, London, on the second Tuesday of March, at 10 a.m.

CHOKED BY A BONE.

Welland, Ont., Jan. 27.—At Sherkston, the little year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Dunster was accidentally choked to death on a bone which she was eating from. By some means the child got a piece of the gristle portion in its throat, and despite all the medical attendant could do, died two hours later.

GOOD PROSPECTS FOR THE NORTHWEST.

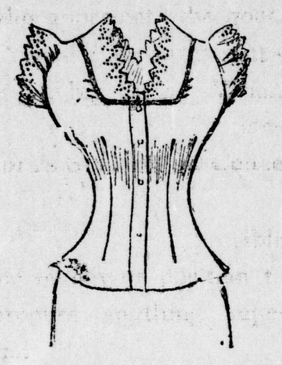
Ottawa, Jan. 27.—Premier Greenway of Manitoba, in an interview, expressed a favorable opinion of the Doukhobors. The prospects for immigration to the Northwest this year, he said, are very good. There will be large numbers from Northern Ontario, and the Western United States. Speaking generally of the prospects in Manitoba, Mr. Greenway said they never looked brighter. He expects there will be not less than ten thousand of the Doukhobors go up to the Northwest this year.

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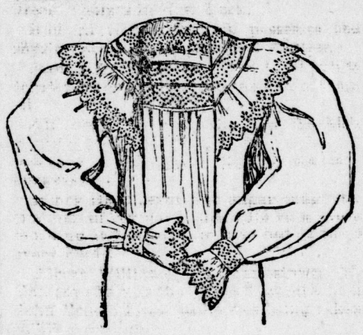
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$1.00—Gown made of Good English Cotton, insertion placque, neatly trimmed with Roman embroidery, worth $1.25.

$1.25—Gowns, six different styles, yoke of insertion and tucks, beautifully trimmed with fine Roman embroidery, very special at $1.50.

$1.45—A beautiful Gown of Fine Cambric, insertion yoke, with deep ruffle of fine Swiss Roman embroidery, regular $1.75.

$2.00—A handsome Gown, Empire style, made of fine English cambric, deep reveres of fine Swiss embroidery, good value at $2.50.

$2.50—Gown, Empire style, finely tucked front, with V of insertion, cambric reveres, with bias insertion, edged with very fine Swiss embroidery. A very handsome effect.

$3.50—The new Gown, with Russian front of very fine muslin, beautifully trimmed with fine Swiss insertion and embroidery.



75c—Skirt, very wide, made of fine cotton, two clusters of tucks, deep frill of fine Swiss and cambric embroidery, great value at $1.

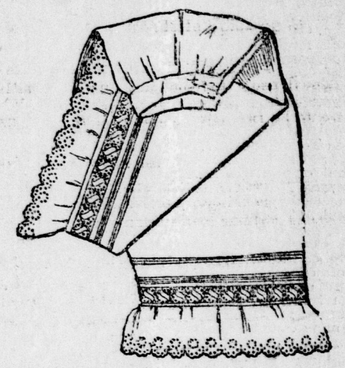
$1.00—Skirt—a leader—deep frill of Swiss Roman embroidery, tucked, also fine cambric frill, with torchon insertion.

$1.25—A special Skirt, double frill, of fine Swiss embroidery.

$2.00—Skirt, made of fine cambric, deep frill of cambric, two clusters of tucks, with wide Swiss insertion.

$2.00—A handsome Skirt, two clusters of tucks, fine insertion, with deep ruffle of Swiss Roman embroidery.

$3 25—A beautiful Skirt, with deep flounce of muslin, with Swiss and Valenciennes insertion, and deep ruffle of Valenciennes lace.



14c—A leader—Drawers, made of good cotton cluster of tucks, and trimmed with lace.

25c—Good Drawers, cluster of fine tucks, trimmed with fine cambric embroidery would sell at 50c.

50c—Drawers, fine cotton, finely tucked, deep ruffle of cambric embroidery.

79c—Drawers, extra fine cambric, with deep muslin frill, trimmed with fine Swiss insertion and embroidery

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TELEGRAPH BRIEFS

The valuable papers stolen from the safe of the Brantford soap works Tuesday night have all been recovered.

The Perth county council has decided to petition the government to abolish one of the county registry offices.

Senator Wilcox has introduced a bill in the New York Senate forbidding the manufacture or sale of cigarettes in the state.

Jas. W. Browne, one of Chatham's best known citizens, died Thursday evening, aged 60 years, after three days' illness of la grippe.

Miss Louise Eberts, formerly of Chatham, died Thursday morning in Detroit, after several weeks' illness, of the prevailing epidemic, la grippe.

The vault of the Oddfellows' Relief Association in the burned building at Kingston was opened, and the books, securities and documents found undamaged.

The London Daily Telegraph says that there are practically no American stocks held in England at present, as they have all been unloaded on the rising market.

The earthquake reported from Mexico was recorded in the Toronto observatory on Jan. 24, within ten minutes of the time the disturbance was first felt in Mexico.

The attendance at the Ottawa Normal School at present numbers 116 women and 13 men. Some 15 years ago the attendance at the school would have actually reversed this ratio.

W. J. White, of the Dominion immigration department, states that the spring will see the return of at least 7,000 French-Canadians and others from the Western States to the Canadian Northwest.

The United States consul-general at St. Petersburg, announces the establishment of trade agencies and permanent exhibitions of samples of American goods in the Baltic provinces and in Southern Russia.

Among other resolutions passed by the district high court of the C. O. F., which is in session at Vancouver, B. C., was one recommending the admittance of women into the order on the same footing as men.

The upper floors of the extensive carpet factory of William Judge & Bros., Front street and Columbia avenue, Philadelphia, were gutted by fire early this (Friday) morning. Loss estimated at $100,000; fully covered byinsurance.

The Chicago Record says: "Chicago will supply Europe with 10,000 coach and bus horses. They are to come from different parts of Illinois and Iowa, and will be shipped at the rate of 200 head a week. The first consignment will leave today for London and Liverpool.

Justice Brigham, in the Queen's bench division of the high court of justice, London, decided promptly in favor of Pelley Bros., the ship brokers, in the suit of the United States against them to recover £5,300 paid the brokers on April 21, 1898, on two 600-ton colliers, by Lieut. Sims, who was then acting naval attache of the United States embassy in London. This amount was 10 per cent of the total sum, £53,000, for which the ship brokers agreed on April 21 to deliver the colliers. It was claimed on behalf of the United States that Pelley Bros. failed to deliver the ships before the neutrality proclamation of April 26.



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MIDDLESEX NEWS

La grippe is prevalent in Harrietsville.

Rev. Mr. Thompson, of Thorndale, has been seriously ill with bronchitis.

Special services in the Thorndale Methodist Church are still in progress.

Mrs. Albert Beatson, one of the oldest residents of Granton, is dead, aged 74 years.

The annual meeting of the Blanshard Mutual Fire Insurance Company for the election of directors, etc., will be held in the township hall, Blanshard, on Friday, Jan. 27, at 2 p.m.

Miss Mary Braithwaite died at the home of her sister, Mrs. John Langford, Granton, on Tuesday afternon. The deceased is a sister of Mr. Alex. Braithwaite, reeve of Lucan, and William, on the homestead, 15th concession of London, where the mother still resides.

A grand ball was held in the Harding Hall, Thorndale, on Thursday, Jan. 19, under the auspices of the Young Bachelors' Club. The grand march was called at 9 o'clock, and dancing was continued until 3 in the morning. About 60 couples partook of a supper provided by the club. The music was provided by Curry Bros., of Derwent. Mr. B. Logan, is president; Wm. Duffin, secretary; Frank Logan, treasurer.

A grand concert under the auspices of Court Benevolence, No. 165, C. O. F., will be given in the town hall, Coldstream, on Monday evening, Jan. 30. A choice programme will be rendered, consisting of instrumental music by the Strathroy Orchestra, and Messrs. C. E. and A. Wood, Coldstream; vocal music by Miss Templeton, London; Mrs. Ketchum and Mr. and Mrs. I. N. Gray, of Poplar Hill; Messrs, Ernie Wright, A. Thompson, Norman Zavitz, J. H. Drynan and Norman Smith, of Strathroy; recitations by Miss Edna Carmichael, Miss Maud Davis, Miss Pauline Thomas, of Lobo, and others. Mr. J. H. Alexander, grand organizer, will deliver a fraternal address, and Mr. C. A. Paul will occupy the chair.

A Happy New Year Indeed

To those who believed there was no cure, for catarrh, and to whom the constant use of ointments, snuffs and washes was a weariness to the flesh. A delightful and sure cure has been found. No need for fetid breath and broken voice. Send for a free sample outfit and be convinced. The name of this cure is Catarrhozone. Catarrhozone penetrates to the diseased parts in the form of a pine-scented gas. Write at once to N. C. POLSON & CO., Kingston, Ont.

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A scientist says that if a man were able to jump as far in proportion to his size as a flea, he could jump from Chicago to St. Louis. Perhaps he could, but if sensible he wouldn't.

LIFE SAVED.—Mr. James Bryson Cameron writes: "I was confined to my bed with inflammation of the lungs and was given up by physicians. A neighbor advised me to try Dr. Thomas' Eclectric Oil, stating that his wife had used it for a throat trouble with the best results. Acting on this advice I procured the medicine, and less than half a bottle cured me; I certainly believe it saved my life. It was with reluctance that I consented to a trial, as I was reduced to such a state that I doubted the power of any remedy to do me good.

When a woman of 40 laughs heartily she actually means it.

To Cure a Cold in One Day

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But few actresses are as bad as they are painted.

A DINNER PILL.—Many persons suffer excruciating agony after partaking of a hearty dinner. The food partaken of is like a ball of lead upon the stomach, and instead of being a healthy nutriment, it becomes a poison to the system. Dr. Parmlee's Vegetable Pills are wonderful correctives of such troubles. They correct acidity, open the secretions and convey the food partaken of into healthy nutriment. They are just the medicine to take if troubled with indigestion.

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TODAY'S MARKETS

Toronto Stock Market.

TORONTO, Jan. 27.

	Ask.	Off.
Montreal	260	250
Ontario	..	120
Toronto	..	249
Merchants	..	180
Commerce	151	150
Imperial	..	214½
Dominion	266	265¼
Standard	192	189
Hamilton	..	..
British America	129	128¼
Western Assurance	167½	166¾
Consumers' Gas	235	230
Montreal Gas	..	214¾
Dominion Telegraph	..	135
Northwest Land Company, pref.	57	56¼
Canada Pacific Railway Stock	86¼	86¼
Commercial Cable Company	197	196¾
Commercial Coupon Bonds	105½	104¾
Com. Registered Bonds	105¾	105
Bell Telephone Company	174½	172¾
Bell Telephone, new	..	..
Richelieu and Ontario	106	105¾
Montreal Street Railway	..	..
Toronto Street Railway	115¾	115¾
London Street Railway	..	178
London Electric	135	130
Dominion Savings and Invest	77½	75¼
Huron and Erie L. and S.	..	175
Huron and Erie, 20 per cent.	..	167
London and Canada L. and A.	78½	62½
London Loan	120	110
London and Ontario	92	82
Ontario Loan and Debenture	..	122¼
Ont. Loan & Deb., 20 per cent.	..	..

Montreal Stock Market

MONTREAL, Jan. 27.

	Ask.	Off.
Canadian Pacific	86¼	86
Duluth, common	3	2½
Duluth, preferred	9	7½
Commercial Cable	196	194½
Com. Cable Coupon Bonds	..	104
Commercial Registered Bonds	..	104¼
Montreal Telegraph	178	175
Richelieu and Ontario	106½	106¼
Montreal Street Railway	296	295½
Montreal St. Railway, new	294	293½
Toronto Railway	115¾	115½
Montreal Gas Company	215½	215¼
Bell Telephone	174	172½
Royal Electric	163	161⅞
Bank of Montreal	..	115
Ontario Bank	..	..
Molsons Bank	203¼	..
Bank of Toronto	..	243
Merchants' Bank	..	180
Merchants' Bank of Halifax	..	173
Quebec Bank	..	117
Union Bank	..	149¼
Bank of Commerce	150	56
Northwest Land, pref.	57	157½
Montreal Cotton Co., N.S.	160	77½
Canada Colored Cotton	82¼	109¾
Dominion Cotton	110¼	

New York Stocks.

Reported by F. H. Butler, 15 and 16 Masonic Temple, for The Advertiser.

New York, Jan. 27.

	Yesterday's Close.	Open.	High.	Low.	2:30.
Atcheson	23¼	23	23½	23	23⅜
Atcheson Pfd	63½	63¼	63⅞	62⅞	63¼
C., B. & Q.	138½	138	139⅜	138	139
C. & N. W.	151¼	151	151	150	150¼
Bay State Gas	7⅛	7⅛	7¼	7⅛	7⅛
Chicago Gas	116¾	116⅛	118¼	116½	118⅝
N. Y. Gas	..	..	..	..	..
Gen. Electric	112	111	112⅞	111	111⅞
L. & N.	67⅞	68¾	69	68⅛	68½
Man.	116	117	117½	116¼	116⅝
Mo. P.	48	47½	48¾	47¾	47⅞
Omaha	..	98	98	98	98
P. M.	50¾	52	53¾	51⅞	53¾
R. I.	120⅝	120⅞	122	120¼	122
Reading	24	23⅞	24	23⅜	23½
N. Y. Central	138	136¾	138¼	136¼	137
St. P.	129½	129	129¾	129	129⅝
T. C. I.	45½	45	48⅛	45	45⅛
Wabash	24⅛	24½	24⅝	24⅛	24⅜
W. U.	96⅝	96⅞	96¾	96	96¾
Brooklyn Transit	93½	93¾	94½	93⅛	93⅞
U. Pacific	81¼	80¾	82⅛	80½	81½
Leather Trust	73⅞	74½	74¾	73¼	73½
Lead	38⅛	38⅛	38⅛	38⅜	38½
Sugar	132¾	132¾	134¼	132⅜	133¾
Tobacco	146½	146¾	147⅛	146½	147⅛
Southern Ry. Pfd	49¾	49¾	50⅛	49¾	49¾
Jersey Central	104	103½	103½	103	104
K. & T. Pfd	37½	38¾	38¾	38	38¼
N. P. Pfd	80½	80	80¾	80	80½

Toronto Produce Market.

Toronto, Jan. 27.—Wheat—The market is firmer, and red and white sold today at 72c west; Manitoba wheat is firmer, at 81c to 82c at Owen Sound and Midland. Flour—Firmer, at $3 10 to $3 15 for cars of straight roller in barrels west. Millfeed—Firm, at $13 to $16 for shorts, and $12 to $12 50 for bran west. Barley—Steady, at 47c to 48c for No. 1 west. Buckwheat—Steady, at 48c to 49c west. Rye—Firm, at 53c to 54c west. Corn—Steady, at 37c for Canada yellow west, and 47c for No. 2 old American here. Oats—Firmer, at 30c for white west. Peas—Firmer, at 66c west. Eggs—Steady, at 22c for new-laid; 16c to 18c for held fresh, and 15c for limed. Butter—Steady, at 14c to 15c for large rolls, and 11c to 13½c for dairy tubs; creamery steady, at 20c to 21c for prints, and 19c to 20c for packed. Dressed hogs—Steady, at $4 90 bid for cars of mixed here, and 10c to 20c more asked.

English Markets.

Liverpool, Jan. 27—Closing.

Wheat—Spot, No. 2 red western, winter, firm, 6s 4d; No. 1 red northern spring, 6s 2d; No. 1 Cal., 6s 10d to 6s 10½d; No. 1 cash, 8s 2½d.

Corn—Spot American mixed, old, firm, 3s 10¼d; spot do, new, stocks exhausted; futures, steady; March, steady, 3s 8¾d; May, steady, 3s 8½d.

Flour—St. Louis fancy winter, firm, 7s 9d.

Peas—Canadian, 5s 10d.

Pork—Steady; Prime mess, fine western, 50s; do, medium, western, 47s 6d.

Beef—Steady; Prime mess, 60s; extra India mess, 65s; do, medium, western, 47s 6d.

Hams—Short cut, 14 to 16 lbs., less steady, 36s.

Bacon—Cumberland cut, firm, 28 to 30 lbs., 27s 6d; short ribs, 20 to 24 lbs, dull, 28s; long clear middles, light, 35 to 38 lbs, firm, 27s; long clear middles, heavy, 40 to 45 lbs, firm, 26s 6d; short clear backs, 16 to 18 lbs, firm, 27s 6d; clear bellies, 14 to 16 lbs, firm, 32s.

Shoulders—Square, 12 to 14 lbs, firm, 24s 6d.

Lard—Prime western, steady, 29s.

Butter—Finest American, 96s; good, 65s.

Rosin—Common, steady, 4s 3d.

Cheese—Steady; American finest white, 49s; do, colored, 49s.

Tallow—Prime city, strong, 22s 6d.

Cottonseed oil—Liverpool refined, firm, 15s 3d.

Turpentine spirits—Steady, 32s.

Hops—At London (Pacific coast) dull, £4 10s to £5 10s.

Linseed oil—19s.

Petroleum—Refined, 6½d.

American Markets.

CHICAGO, Jan. 27.—Opening—Wheat, May, 77⅞c to 78c; July, 74⅞c to 75¼c. Corn, May, 38½c to 38¾c; July, 38⅛c. Oats, July, 26¾c; May, 28¼c. Lard, May, $5 92. Pork, May, $10 62½. Ribs, May, $5 22½.

Chicago Exchange.

CHICAGO, Jan. 27.

Following are the fluctuations on the Chicago Board of Trade furnished by F. H. Butler, broker, Masonic Temple. Phone 1278.

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Wheat—May	77⅞	79	77⅜	78¼
July	74⅞-¾	76¼	74½	75½
Corn—May	38⅝	39½	38½	39⅛
July	38⅞	39⅝	38⅞	39½
Oats—May	28⅛	29	28¾	28¾
July	26¾	27⅛	26¾	27
Pork—Jan	10 40	10 40	10 40	10 40
May	10 62-67	10 70	10 55	10 65
Lard—Jan	5 70	5 75	5 70	5 75
May	5 92	5 95	5 90	5 92
Ribs—Jan	5 10	5 10	5 10	5 10
May	5 22	5 25	5 20	5 25

Live Stock Markets.

CHICAGO, Jan. 27.—Hogs—Estimated receipts today, 28,000; left over, 4,000; market active, 10c higher; light, $3 55 to $3 80; mixed, $3 60 to $3 87½; heavy, $3 60 to $3 90; rough, $3 40 to $3 65; Yorkers, $3 70 to $3 75. Cattle—Receipts, 3,000; best steady; others weak; beeves, $4 to $6; cows and heifers, $2 to $2 70; Texas steers, $3 60 to $5; stockers and feeders, $3 20 to $4 60.

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LATEST "PROBS"

Toronto, Jan. 27—11 a.m.—Probabilities for the lower lakes region for the next twenty-four hours: Fine and cold today.

Saturday — Increasing easterly winds; rising temperature; snow before night.

LATE LOCAL ITEMS

—There was no police court session today.

—The regular belt line car service was restored this morning.

—A meeting of St. Andrew's Church Literary Society will be held this evening at 7:45.

—Mr. Joseph Sanders, secretary of the Children's Aid Association, is confined to his bed with an attack of la grippe.

—Mr. Richard F. Matthews, who has been accountant at the postoffice for a great many years, has been superannuated.

—Mr. Joseph Thompson, dispatcher, of New York city, is visiting his relatives here, Mr. Roddam, of Clarence street, and Mrs. Rutherford, of Waterloo street.

—Mr. W. T. Griffiths, of this city, received a dispatch yesterday notifying him of the sudden death of his father at Windsor. He left at once to attend the funeral.

—One of the magnificent new locomotives with which the Grand Trunk Company are about to equip this and other divisions, passed through the city yesterday. Much attention was attracted to the engine, and admiration was expressed by many. It is a big improvement on the old type.

—The funeral of the late James Taylor took place from his late residence, corner of Bruce and Cynthia streets, this afternoon and was largely attended. Mr. Taylor was for twelve years an esteemed employe at Stevely's stove store, which was closed all afternoon out of respect for the deceased.

—The organ recital in Dundas Center Methodist Church tomorrow afternoon promises to be one of the best and most enjoyable of the series. Mr. Hewlett's ability as an organist is well known, and tomorrow his very excellent programme will be added to by two numbers by Miss Lola Ronan, contralto soloist of Sherbourne Street Methodist Church, Toronto.

CHIEF ROE'S MOTHER DEAD.

Mrs. Ann Roe, mother of Chief Roe, of the London Fire Department, passed away at an early hour this morning from old age. Deceased was 92 years old, and came to London in 1848, having resided here ever since. She was highly respected by all who had the pleasure of her acquaintance, being of a kindly disposition, and leading a true Christion life. Five children survive—Mrs. Kidner and Chief Roe, city; William, of Detroit and two married daughters in California. The funeral will take place tomorrow afternoon, from the residence of her son-in-law Mr. R. W. Kidner, 286 Burwell street, to Woodland Cemetery.

AT LONDON NEXT YEAR.

A meeting of the grand chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada was held at Stratford on Wednesday last. The delegates from London were Dr. Balfour, St. John's, No. 3; U. A. Buchner, St. George's, No. 5, and J. W. Butler, D. D. G. Superintendent. Bro. Harry Row, of Palestine Chapter, St. Thomas, was elected D. D. G. S. for the ensuing year. The London delegates were successful in their efforts, and next year the grand chapter will meet in this city.

OSGOODE HALL ECHOES.

The following cases were dealt with yesterday at Osgoode Hall: Johnston vs. Rogers — W. C. Hall and J. W. Payne, for defendants, appealed from judgment of judge of county court of Middlesex in favor of plaintiff in an action for damages for breach of a contract for delivery of flour. A person in Ontario issued a circular in the name of defendants, who are millers in Manitoba, quoting prices for flour, and inviting orders by wire. One of these circulars reached the plaintiff, Joseph Johnston, who carries on business at London as "Johnston Bros.," and he immediately wired an order to the defendants, which they declined to fill at the time because of a rise in prices. The circular and the plaintiff's telegram constituted the contract, for breach of which the action was brought. The defendants contended that the circular was addressed to Joseph Johnston, not to Johnston Bros.; that the agency of the person who issued the circular was not proved, and that there was, at all events, no contract to be spelled out of the circular and telegram, citing Harvey vs. Facie, 1893, A. C., 552. Hellmuth, London, for plaintiffs, relied on Harty vs. Gooderham, 31 U. C. R., 18. Reserved.

Jackson vs. Watson—Hellmuth (London), for defendant, appealed from order of judge of county court of Waterloo, refusing a new trial in an action upon a promissory note for $125 and interest. The defendant at the trial tried to amend so as to set up a set-off or counter-claim, but this was refused and judgment given for the plaintiff. The note in question was made in Dec. 2, 1895, at one month. In 1893 the defendant entered into a composition agreement with creditors, the plaintiffs then having a claim of $1,247. The plaintiffs afterwards refused to accept the composition agreed upon, 50 cents on the dollar and the defendant then gave promissory notes for the whole amount, and has since paid more than half of the whole amount. The defendant wishes to set up that he has overpaid the plaintiffs. Clute, Q.C., for plaintiffs, contra. The court refused to interfere with the discretion of the judge below in refusing to allow the set-off to be pleaded, the defendant not being prevented from suing the plaintiffs if so desirous. Appeal dismissed with costs.

CITY'S TAXABLE ASSESSMENT

Increased This Year Over $450,000.

Total for General Rates Over $17,000,000—The Exemptions Total Reduction by the Court of Revision $450,118.

A statement of the city's taxable assessment for 1899 has been prepared by City Clerk Kingston, and shows a total increase over 1898 of $462,470. Of this amount, $61,310 is the increase in West London.

The total assessment for general rates, excluding West London, is $16,662,259. Including West London, it is $17,062,144.

The total assessment for school rates is $17,112,694.

These totals are made up as follows: In wards 1 to 5, excluding West London division of ward 2, the total assessment was $16,041,643. From this is deducted the following:

Exemptions under bylaws—

Reid Bros.	$ 13,000
London Furniture Company	43,000
J. Ferguson & Sons	8,000
George White & Sons	7,000
Hobbs & Hobbs	15,000
McClary Manufacturing Co.	103,500
London Foundry Company	8,000
London Printing and Litho. Co.	8,000
McCormick Manufacturing	21,000
E. Leonard & Sons	13,500
Ferguson, Watson & Coles	50,000
I. Sargent	2,550
Columbia Handle Company	6,000
Bennet Furnishing Company	5,000
G. T. R. Company	96,242
Total	$399,792

The court of revision took off $441,853. The Convalescent Home, assessed for $2,500, is not taxed. City property not taxable increases the reduction by $17,300, and property to the value of $12,000 is under lease to the Dominion Government. Deducting the total reductions, $873,445, from the total assessment, there is left $15,168,198 of a taxable assessment.

The total assessment in West London was $401,845, which the court of revision reduced to $399,885.

The additional assessment for school rates per bylaws is as follows: London Foundry Company, $8,000; London Printing and Lithographing Company, $8,000; McCormick Manufacturing Company, $21,000; I. Sargent, $2,550; Columbia Handle Company, $6,000; Bennet Furnishing Company, $5,000; total, $50,550.

In No. 6 ward the total assessment of $1,500,361 was reduced $6,300 by the court of revision.

The assessment is subject to still further reduction when pending the decision of the board of county judges on the street railway company's appeal. There is a possibility of the increase being lowered very materially by this decision.

The statement is out somewhat earlier than usual this year, and Mr. Kingston is now engaged on the local improvement assessments.

WAS IT MURDER?

Suspicious Death of Roderick McKenzie.

Found Unconscious at His Home in Windsor—Was About to Visit His Old Home in Scotland.

Windsor, Jan. 27.—At 1 o'clock this morning the life of Roderick McKenzie, aged 65, went out at his home here, after several hours of unconsciousness, and the conditions surrounding his death point suspiciously to foul play.

McKenzie was a well-known Scotchman. Years ago he kept a saloon out on Michigan avenue, Detroit, and he had a host of friends in that city. The only object of the murder, if such it be, is robbery, as he was known to have a large amount of money on his person, which had disappeared by the time the police were called to investigate. There were no marks of violence on his body, and some unknown drug is said to have caused his death.

Lately McKenzie had resolved to visit the home of his childhood in Scotland, and he was on the eve of his departure. He had gathered together quite a large sum of money. The dead man's wife and daughter reside in Detroit. Last evening they visited his home on Howard avenue to bid him good-bye, and found him in a stupor.

McKenzie's wife, seeing that he could not be revived, resolved to call for assistance. Dr. Cruikshank worked over McKenzie, but all in vain. He was beyond medical aid, and died about 1 o'clock this morning.

The coroner, after a consultation with Dr. Cruikshank, during which the doctor gave it as his opinion that McKenzie had been drugged, had the police notified. A thorough investigation is in progress.

HIS TOES CUT OFF

Painful Accident in a Wood Yard—Mr. Downs the Victim.

A painful accident occurred today at the coal and wood yard of Mr. J. E. Downs, 13 Hamilton road. Mr. Downs was standing near some mechanism, when a portion of it fell. He went to shove it aside, when his foot came into contact with a revolving wood-saw, which cut off several of his toes. Medical assistance was summoned and he was removed to his home.

Steamship Arrivals.

Jan. 26.	At.	From.
St. Louis	Southampton	New York
Gera	Bremen	New York
Labrador	Moville	St. John

HON. S. FISHER BANQUETED

The Popular Minister of Agriculture at Home.

His Constituents Welcome Him—The Progress of Canadian Agriculture.

Waterloo, Que., Jan. 27.—Hon. Sidney Fisher, minister of agriculture, was tendered a splendid banquet last night in the town hall by the Liberals of the district of Bedford. Mr. Chas. Parmalee, M.P.P., occupied the chair, and among those on the platform were Hon. Clifford Sifton, Hon. W. S. Fielding, Senator Dandurand, Hon. H. T. Duffy, Messrs. Roswell Fisher, H. E. Williams, J. S. Brierly, R. A. E. Greenshields, Hon. J. C. McCorkill and others. Aside from the tribute to Mr. Fisher, the occasion was memorable in that it celebrated the first time since Confederation that the six counties of the district were held by Liberals both at Quebec and at Ottawa. The hall was packed to its full capacity. The greatest enthusiasm prevailed, and every speaker was applauded to the echo. Mr. Fisher himself had a reception, which shows what a hold he has on the people of the eastern townships. It is twenty years, as the chairman said, since Mr. Fisher, a young man from college, came out here to grow up with the country. While he worked he thought, and it was not long before the Liberals of Bedford knew they had a man who was not a mere political hack, but one who was destined to rise in the councils of the nation. The chairman rapidly sketched Mr. Fisher's career in parliament, and declared he was the best minister of agriculture Canada had ever had. (Applause.) He referred especially to the cold storage system practically from the Canadian farmer to the English consumer, which Mr. Fisher had organized, and to his efforts in England last year to improve the market for Canadians. He was sure that Mr. Fisher's proudest title today was that of a "farmer." (Applause.) He then proposed the toast of the evening, "Our Guest," which was received with great applause, and "For he's a jolly good fellow."

Mr. Fisher, in the course of his reply, pointed out how he had organized mechanical cold storage on steamships, and a system of cold storage throughout the country, and secured the abrogation of the American quarantine against Canadian cattle. The filling up of the Northwest is the greatest problem now before the country, and it was necessary to show that mixed farming as well as wheat-growing could be successfully carried out. For that reason Prof. Robertson had established butter creameries in the Territories. He, however, did not establish cheese factories, because he thought there was enough now made in Canada. All the butter made there was consumed there and further west, and did not come into competition with eastern butter. At the same time it showed intending immigrants what were the capabilities of that country. He further took means to prevent the spread of tuberculosis, and the investigation showed that Canadian cattle were remarkably free, only 8 per cent. being affected.

WHAT COLD STORAGE HAD DONE.

In consequence of cold storage transportation Canadian butter was appreciated in the English market, as comparisons show, 10 shillings per cwt. Two years ago Canadian butter was 18 to 20 shillings per cwt. below Danish butter, whereas it now stands less than 8 shillings below Danish butter. Last year 209,000 packages of butter were sent to England, and it was enhanced to the value of $313,000 in one season. Still the whole cost of the cold storage system was only $70,000. He further pointed out the advantages of cold storage for the export o beef and fruit. The opinion of one of the largest exporters of cattle, Mr. Ironside, was that through the abolition of the quarantine regulations of the United States, young cattle sent there brought double the value to Canadian farmers. He thought these facts showed what the present government was doing for the Canadian farmer. The limits of the cheese export trade is about reached, but there is an almost unbounded scope for the export of butter. There is also a great future for trade in bacon and poultry. In conclusion, he again thanked the electors for the opportunity they gave him of occupying the position in which he had so much pride. (Great applause.)

Speeches were also made by Hon. W. S. Fielding and Hon. Clifford Sifton. The latter, in speaking of immigration, said the Conservatives admitted that their own immigration policy was a failure. Under the Liberals, immigration to the Northwest doubled the first year, and may be expected to double this year also. He read from the Mail and Empire to the effect that the exodus to the United States was now a matter of history, and that in 1898 the value of settlers' effects from the United States was $2,322,000, and the value of settlers' effects from all countries, $2,826,000. So that in two short years the Liberal Government had succeeded in stopping the exodus from Canada, bringing a large desirable immigration from the Western States and repatriating a large number of French-Canadians who had gone to the Eastern States.

THE MYSTERY MAY BE SOLVED

In Connection With the Adams-Cornish Poisoning.

New York, Jan. 27.—Afternoon papers declare that the man who wrote the address on the package containing the bromo-seltzer bottle and silver holder is positively known, and that the Adams-Cornish poison mystery is on the eve of solution.

Detectives have been with him, or within sight of him, for more than 48 hours, the papers say. His arrest is imminent.

The man who wrote the address on the package is a club employe. He is probably not the principle in the case, but the confederate or servant of the chief criminal.

A Knickerbocker Athletic Club employe, after having seen the handwriting specimens in the possession of Capt. McCluskey, has positively identified the writing on the package sent to Cornish as that of a man whom he has known and worked with for years.

THEY GIVE IT UP

Scores of Ahmed Fedil's Men Surrendering.

Cecil Rhodes Abandons His Cape-to-Cairo Scheme for the Present—Gravity of the Philippine Situation.

DERVISHES SURRENDERING.

Cairo, Jan. 27.—A dispatch from Omdurman says that upwards of 1,000 men of Emir Ahmed Fedil's force of dervishes have surrendered.

These men have arrived at Omdurman, and 200 horses and a large number of camels and horned cattle are on their way to that place.

CAPE TO CAIRO.

London, Jan. 27.—Cecil Rhodes has abandoned for the present his scheme for a continuous rail line from the Cape of Good Hope to Cairo, and is asking a guarantee for the extension of the railway to the Zambesia.

A GRAVE SITUATION.

London, Jan. 27.—The papers here are impressed by the gravity of the position in the Philippines. They fear that the defiant attitude of the Philippines renders war probable, if not imminent. The Times advises the United States to be prepared for a serious struggle.

The Standard says that the proclamation of a republic by the Malolos Government is a gage of battle, which the United States can hardly refuse to take up. The situation justifies great anxiety as Gen. Otis' force would not be equal to the demands, if operations began in earnest.

The Standard believes the Americans will face the Philippine difficulties with something less than the first flush of enthusiasm, but with a determination to succeed.

The Daily News is convinced that whatever happens the task of pacification must be a long one.

The Chronicle ridicules the new republic, which, it says, if it is allowed to run, will endure for about a month. The paper blames the United States for allowing the movement to gain such headway. It ascribes the growth of the movement to politics, in the United States, which it deplores.

THE MASONIC BROTHERHOOD

Dispute Over a Ballot for the Election of Grand Scribe E.—The New Officers Chosen—London Gets the Next Meeting.

Stratford, Jan. 27.—At the meeting of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Canada, all the officers elected were installed except the grand scribe E., W. J. Robertson, of Port Hope. The reason for the non-installation in this case is that a protest was entered against the election, on the ground that a gentleman who had to leave the meeting before the election for this office gave his ballot to another member to be cast. This one ballot, if retained in its owner's possession, would have altered the result of the election. The matter was referred by the grand first principal to a committee to investigate the objection and decide the matter.

It was also resolved that the grand chapter should meet next January in London, and the constitution was so altered, according to the notice of R. Ex. Comp Dewar, that the grand chapter, instead of meeting at the fixed hour of 2 p.m., will in future meet at the call of the first grand principal. The object of this amendment is to facilitate business.

A testimonial is to be presented to M. Ex. Comp. Walsh, the past grand principal.

The officers elected and installed are: W. G. Reid, Hamilton, Grand Z.; W. Gibson, M.P., Beamsville, grand H.; A. Shaw, Kingston, grand J.; C. McLellan, Stratford, grand S. N.; W. Murton, Oshawa, grand P. S.; H. Murray, Hamilton, grand treasurer; J. C. Morgan, Barrie, grand registrar.

The superintendents of districts elected are as follows: No. 1, Thos. Peters, Walkerville; No. 2, Dr. W. Kennedy, Vittoria; No. 3, Henry Roe, St. Thomas; No. 4, George Latahan, Harriston; No. 5, Fred Walter, Hamilton; No. 6, Wm. Elliott, Mitchell; No. 7, Chas. Burtch, St. Catharines; No. 8, Douglas Ponton, Toronto; No. 9, Jas. Whitten, Bracebridge; No. 10, J. R. Fitzgerald, Colborne; No. 11, G. Nelson Rose, Waupoos; No. 12, W. Thompson, Kingston; No. 13, J. M. Munro, Almonte; No. 14, R. E. Mitchell, Port Arthur; No. 15, Charles Enderton, Winnipeg, Man.; No. 16, E. E. Chipman, Kaslo, B. C.; No. 17, A. W. R. Markley, Calgary, N. W. T.

The executive committee chosen were: A. R. Hargraft, Cobourg; D. F. Macwatt, Barrie; D. H. Martyn, Kincardine; W. T. Toner, Collingwood, and W. Roaf, Toronto.

Comp. John Robertson, of London, was appointed grand janitor.

R. Ex. Comp N. T. Lyon, of Toronto, gave notice of his intention to move an amendment to the constitution restoring the minimum fee to the original figure

DIED.

WILLIS—At his late residence, 491 King street, on Jan. 27, Wm. G. Willis, in 42nd year.

Funeral from above address, on Monday, Jan. 30, at 2:30 p.m. Service at 2 p.m. 53u

ALFRED—In this city, on Friday, Jan. 27, 1899, William Alfred, aged 28 years.

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WON AT LAST

Vere turned an inch or so more towards him, looking, as he vexedly thought, decidedly bored.

In truth, poor girl, she was wondering whatever she could talk about to him.

"Do you live near here, Mr. Kerry?" she asked.

"I live in the High street. My father is a solicitor here," he answered, a little proudly.

"Oh, indeed! I fancied I had seen you somewhere, but I wasn't sure."

"You have frequently done me the honor to bow to me from your carriage," he said drily.

Vere became aware that she had hurt his feelings in some way, though how, she did not quite know, and roused herself to be more agreeable.

"I remember your face now," she said, with her charming smile; "but to tell you the truth, though I have, as you say, bowed to you several times, I did not remember your name, and when you came in with father you see I did not connect you with your name. I made a very stupid remark, too," she went on, brightly, "about tiresome visitors, and I couldn't help thinking how rude you must think me. But, really, you know, father does have lots of tiresome visitors, and how was I to know that he hadn't had one this afternoon?"

She looked at him laughingly, and Ernest sank a few fathoms deeper in love.

"Rich men are sure to be troubled with heaps of visitors," he said; "but I wasn't begging."

Vera laughed softly.

"Not even for the church?" she asked.

"Why the church?" Ernest asked.

"Because you seem so interested in the church and the church bazar," she explained; "and I know churches are always ready to swallow up the money."

"I was only interested in the church bazar," Ernest said in a low tone, "because I met you there."

"Indeed," Vere said, freezing instantly. "What a long time father is. I think I will go and see if he has not finished his letters."

"Don't go yet," Ernest said, standing up, and barring her way, "hear me for one moment! Your father has left us alone on purpose. He gave me leave to speak. Miss Chetwynd! I have loved you ever since I first saw you. I have never been able to speak to you, so it seems strange to you—but I have loved you——"

"Will you let me pass, please?" interrupted Vere, sharply.

"One moment! I only ask you to think about it—to remember that I love you. I don't ask for anything—yet. If you will only think that I love you, that I want you for my wife, that I would try to make you happy."

With an imperious gesture Vere waved him aside. He haughty little head was held high, her eyes flashed ominously.

"I think you must be mad," she said, in clear, sharp tones. "Allow me to pass."

And Ernest stood aside and allowed her to sweep by him. Then he took up his hat and left the house.

CHAPTER VI.

Mr. Chetwynd had retired to his library and was composedly smoking there, when the door was suddenly opened, and his daughter entered, more hurriedly than was her wont.

"Anything the matter, my dear?" asked her father, looking up at the girl's agitated face.

"Father! That man—Kerry—has—had the audacity to ask me to marry him," she panted.

"Well, well, my dear! It's generally considered a compliment, isn't it? He's a very nice young fellow, I think, and you might do much worse."

"Father!" cried Vere, indignantly, "I have never spoken to the man before today. How dare he propose to me! I expected you would be angry, but—but I begin to believe he was telling the truth when he said you knew all about it."

"Ah! He told you that, did he? Come, be calm, my dear. Sit down and let us talk about this."

"I don't want to talk about it," cried poor Vere, angry and hurt, and indignant with her father for his cool reception of her news.

"But you must," Mr. Chetwynd said, coolly putting out his hand and pulling his daughter down into a seat by his side in a masterful way. "Now, listen, like a good girl. I'm in a hole—a regular fix. I've had serious losses, and am by no means the rich man people suppose me. There's three hundred a year settled on you, but beyond that I haven't a penny. Now, I can't stand that, you know. I'm young and vigorous still, and I want to be off to the goldfields again. I'll soon pick up another fortune there, but the question is—what to do with you. You've no relations to stay with. You can't live alone, and you haven't enough to keep up a descent establishment and pay a chaperone. The best thing of course, would be for you to get married; but you've had none but empty-headed noodles of fortune-hunters after you yet. In the midst of my difficulties, in walks this young Kerry, swears he loves you with all his heart, doesn't want a penny of your money, and is willing to marry you at once. It's just the very thing. They're good, solid, respectable people. The young man himself is quite a gentleman—an Oxford man, too, he tells me. Look at it sensibly, my dear girl, and say if anything could be more suitable?"

Vere rose from her seat in a royal rage.

"I don't know how you dare talk to me like this!" she cried, passionately. "He is willing to marry me, indeed! You've planned it all between you, evidently. There's only one thing wanting—my consent, and that you'll never get! I'd rather sweep a crossing.

"Sit down, and don't be a fool," said her father gruffly. "A nice object you would look sweeping a crossing! Are you in love with any other man?"

Vere flushed and then grew deathly pale. She was in love, deeply in love, with Harry North, or his memory, and she still clung fondly to the hope that he would come back to her yet; but she never dreamt of making a confidant of her father. His long residence abroad had blunted many of his finer feelings, and his daughter found that they had little in common, so she fenced with the question, saying:

"What do you suppose? Which of the 'empty-headed fortune-hunting noodles' do you think I fancy?"

Her father laughed.

"No. I didn't suppose you'd lost your heart," he said. "Well, then, my dear, you must allow yourself to be guided by me, and you must marry young Kerr."

Vere felt as if she were being hemmed in on ever side, and being pushed into a position from which there was no escape.

"Father, I can't," she cried. "It is quite impossible. You don't understand."

"I understand that it is the only way," he answered, with quiet obstinacy. "I can't leave you without seeing you safely settled, I may be away five years, and I can't do better than marry you to a good steady young fellow who adores you."

"But I don't adore him," cried poor Vere, "I hate him!"

"Come, don't be foolish," said Mr. Chetwynd, beginning to lose his temper. "You must, and you shall, obey me. I am doing the very best possible thing for you, and you'll live to thank me for it."

"I can earn my own living," said Vere.

"How?" inquired her father.

The girl was silent. Like many other hundreds of girls, she was totally unfit to buffet with the world and earn a living for herself, and she knew it.

Still, she had three hundred a year of her own, and she made up her mind to run away if necesary rather than be forced into this awful marriage.

Suppose Harry were to return and explain his long absence? and as she mentally compared Harry and "that man Kerry," as she contemptuously called him, she felt stronger than ever in her purpose to run a way from her father and would-be bridegroom if necessary.

"I shall see young Kerry tomorrow," said Mr. Chetwynd, knocking the ashes out of his pipe, "and will have a talk over this affair. I hope and trust you will be sensible, my dear. You young girls are so clever in your own ideas. I hope you weren't rude to Kerry."

"Rude!" echoed Vere, angrily. "It was he who was rude. If I could have killed him I believe I should have done it. I hope he will never wish to see me again."

"Oh, I'll talk him over, said her father, easily. 'Here, give me a kiss, child, and don't be cross. Can't you trust your father to know what is best for you?"

And turning up her face to his with his finger under her chin, he kissed her and left the room, leaving Vere fuming with rage, mortification and indignation.

CHAPTER VII.

"I'm going to run up to London today," announced Mr. Chetwynd at breakfast the next morning. "I shall catch the 9:15 o'clock up, and be home for dinner, I hope. However, I may have to stay the night,and in that case, I'll wire. Good-bye! If I'm not home by seven, do not wait dinner."

"I hope you've had a good breakfast, father," said Vere, who had only just got down. "If I had known you were going I would have been earlier."

"All right, my dear; Thompson has attended to me," and Mr. Chetwynd hurried away, leaving his daughter with a strong feeling of relief upon her. At any rate he could not talk to her objectionable suitor today.

She lingered over her breakfast, enjoying her solitude, and then busied herself over some household duties. She took a walk in the grounds before lunch,and afterwards settled herself for the afternoon in her own little room, determined not to drive as usual for fear of meeting Earnest Kerry

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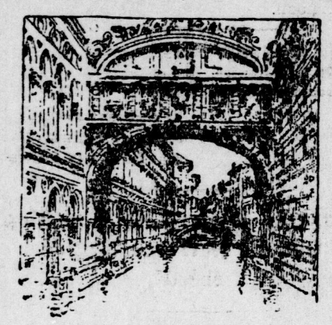
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THE DOGE'S PALACE

The Great Question Now Is, Is It Falling?

Committee of Men Interested in Fine Arts Have a Most Peculiar Libel Suit on Their Hands for Their Statements About the Ancient Edifice—Prevailing Opinion in Venice.

Both Florence and Venice are having difficulties of their own over the preservation of the famous works of architecture that make these cities the paradise of the art students and the source of ideas for modern up-to-date architects the world over, who with rule and kodak leave little unappropriated. In Florence

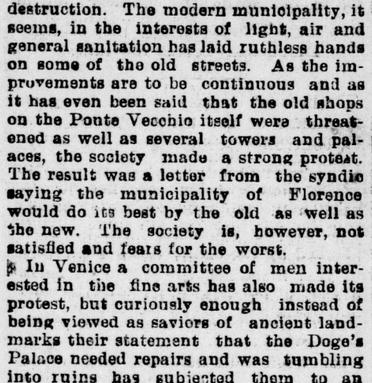


THE BRIDGE OF SIGHS.

the syndic is on the outs with the society which was organized several years ago to preserve old Florence from destruction. The modern municipality, it seems, in the interests of light, air and general sanitation has laid ruthless hands on some of the old streets. As the improvements are to be continuous and as it has even been said that the old shops on the Ponte Vecchio itself were threatened as well as several towers and palaces, the society made a strong protest. The result was a letter from the syndic saying the municipality of Florence would do its best by the old as well as the new. The society is, however, not satisfied and fears for the worst.

In Venice a committee of men interested in the fine arts has also made its protest, but curiously enough instead of being viewed as saviors of ancient landmarks their statement that the Doge's Palace needed repairs and was tumbling into ruins has subjected them to an action for libel. Their prosecution has been ordered by Signor Bacelli, the Minister of Instruction in the Italian Cabinet. The committee, it is said, is ready and willing to meet the issue, as they declare there are such serious breaks in the walls that forecast the fall of the building in a very short time. Recently, in accordance with the request of the Government, Signor Boito, the Milan architect, made a partial examination of the Doge's Palace and the library adjoining it.

The opinion prevails in Venice that although there is no immediate danger the Government will have to order the removal of the books in the library, and to order the execution of pressing repairs without delay. The trouble with the Doge's Palace is said to be that the addition of the heavy upper story to the graceful work of the thirteenth and fourteenth centuries was made without strengthening the foundations. This has weakened the whole structure, and in consequence, with the main palace thus affected, the Bridge of Sighs and the Library of St. Mark's are also involved. Travellers who are familiar with the great monuments of both Florence and Venice will view the efforts at the preservation of the structures famous in the history and poetry of their own as well as other European tongues, with special



ENTRANCE TO THE COURTYARD.

interest. It is yet an open question both in Florence and Venice as to who are right, the authorities or the critics.

A Vanished Island.

Another Pacific island has disappeared. H.M.S. Penguin has been surveying in the neighborhood of Haapi. The result of the labors of Captain Field and his assistants will be to materially alter existing Admiralty charts in some respects, several reefs of doubtful existence not having been located and others discovered of which there is no record hitherto. But the principal change will be the disappearance altogether of Metis Island from the chart. This island in 1880 was 150 feet high, and there is now no sign of it beyond the reef which was beneath it. The case is no doubt similar to Falcon Island in the more southerly part of the group, which was discovered some months ago to be non-existent. Both of these islands were on the line of volcanic action, which passes through the group in the direction of the Islands of Kao Lette and Niurfoon. Their existence was, no doubt, due to seismatic causes, and their disappearance in such comparatively short time was the effect of wind and water.

Geese With Shoes.

It is not generally known that in Prague there exists a goose "bourse," where yearly some 3,000,000 geese change hands. Its most active time lasts generally from about six to eight weeks, from the middle of September till the first days of November. During this time immense flocks of geese are driven into the suburbs, especially from the districts lying on the right bank of the Weischel. These are then conducted at night over the bridges to the Jewish quarters, the trade being principally in the hands of the Israelites. As the geese are driven in from long distances they are "shod," that is to say, walked repeatedly over patches of tar mixed with fine sand. This forms a hard crust on the feet of the geese, and they, thus "shod," are able to cover immense distances without fatigue. —Bucharest Rumanische Lloyd.

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Joseph H. Choate took part in 24 public debates while at Harvard and won them all.

Ali Ferrough Bey, the new Turkish minister to Washington, is 40, handsome, rich, a wit and speaks fluently six languages.

Henry Havemeyer, the sugar magnate, is a man of regular hours. He rises every morning at 7:30 and goes to bed at 10:30 every night.

Albert Williams of Charlestown, W. Va., says he was the colored child whom John Brown kissed as he was being taken to his execution.

By the death of his father Coningsby Disraeli inherits a memorial ring which Ralph Disraeli bought with £25 especially devised to him for that purpose.

Senator Fairbanks of Indiana is said to be one of the greatest readers in the senate. All new books, especially history and fiction, are at once purchased by him.

Ex-Governor Sprague of Rhode Island, when recently in Washington, met his two daughters for the first time in 18 years, during which time they have lived abroad and in the west.

Isaac Wyman of Salem, Mass., owns a note for $40,000 to which the name of George Washington is attached. The note was given Wyman's great-grandfather for money advanced to supply the pressing needs of the Revolutionary army.

Senor Don Rafael Iglesias, president of Costa Rica, who is now visiting this country to benefit his health and to study incidentally the institutions of the United States, comes of an ancient and distinguished Costa Rican family. He is only 36 years of age.

Two-Boots-Standing-Together has been deposed as chief of the Tuscarora Indians in northern New York because he has declared himself in favor of woman's rights. Previous to this declaration he had been respected and looked up to by the warriors of his tribe.

Professor C. E. Lindeman, after whom the great Alaskan lake was named, says that while in that region he wore silk underwear or red flannels steeped in lard oil and outside of his woolen clothing overalls of corduroy. "In that dress," he adds, "I never suffered from the cold."

Owing to the wound he received at Fort Fisher Captain Bob Evans was retired from the navy's active list and was only restored, after much pleading, by a joint resolution of congress which exempted him forever from physical examination as to disability. He is the only officer in the service who has been so honored.

Timothy B. Blackstone of Chicago, who gave the Blackstone Memorial library two or three years ago to his native town of Brandford, Conn., has now added $100,000 to its endowment. It is one of the finest public libraries in the United States and cost more than $400,000. Mr. Blackstone's first endowment gift was $100,000 so that the aggregate of his benefactions is more than $600,000.

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Ladies' Heavy White Cotton Skirts, deep hem, 50c, at 29c.

Handsome White Skirts, heavy open embroidery, at $5.

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English Cambric, fast colors, lined waist, well finished, deep hem, trimmed yoke and full front, belted or loose, $1 35, at 97c.

English Wrapperette Cloth and Eiderdown, lined waist and sleeves, fancy trimmed yokes, well finished, perfect fit.

$2 50 Wrappers at.....$1 97
$3 25 Wrappers at.....$2 75

Stationery.

Large Foolscap Pads ruled; regular 15c, at 10c.

Ladies' Writing Tablets in Cream or White, ruled or plain, regular 15c, at 10c.

Ladies' Silurian Gray, Cream and White Tablets, ruled or plain; regular 25c, at 15c.

One dozen rolls or packages Perforated Toilet Paper for $1.

Fourteen large packages Toilet Paper for $1.

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Fancy Jardiniere Tables, with shelf, in oak, worth 50c, at 35c.

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TINWARE—Unusual bargains in Tinware. Choice bargains for early shoppers on the 5c, 10c, 15c and 25c tables.

SOAP—Just received, a shipment of the celebrated Pure Shell Brand Castile Soap. Large Castile Bars, sold to us for a 3-lb bar, but actual weight is 2½ lbs, sold everywhere for 25c, our price for Saturday only, 15c bar; 1-lb bars, 10c. Wrapped Toilet Soap, 2 cakes for 5c.

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It is surprising how business methods have changed in the last twenty years, and the outcome has been the "big departmental." Merchants no longer confine themselves to one line of goods, and so we find all the drug stores and groceries handling the "Spot" cigar for the convenience of their customers and profit to themselves.

Says the Furrier.

In January will be the time to buy a fur coat, for they are then reduced a third.

A sable coat should be trimmed with russe green satin.

White polar bear always goes well with sealskin or Persian lamb.

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Unless the coat is a long, sharply-rounded mantle, the short jacket should be used. Three-quarter length coats, cut square, are out of date.

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METEOROLOGICAL.

Toronto, Ont., Jan. 26, 8 p.m.—The low area which was centered in Minnesota last night has moved to the Ottawa Valley, and the western high area, with a pronounced cold wave, is spreading quickly over the lake region. There is a strong possibility that as the high passes to the St. Lawrence Valley on Saturday a low area from the Gulf of Mexico will move towards the lake region. Minimum and maximum temperatures: Calgary, 14—34; Prince Albert, 36 below—6; Qu'Appelle, 26 below—6 below; Winnipeg, 34 below—20 below; Parry Sound, 12—38; Toronto, 19—42; Ottawa, 2—34; Montreal, 2—20; Quebec, 6 below—16; Halifax, 10—28.

Local temperatures—The highest and lowest readings of the thermometer at the observatory on Thursday, Jan. 26, were 39 and 16 above.

Today sun rises 7:40; sets 5:23. Moon rises 6:33 p.m.; sets 7:52 a.m.

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A LOCAL BUDGET

—Mrs. James Crawford, of Waterloo street, is reported seriously ill.

—At the recent Toronto Normal School examinations, Miss Emma Cooper, city, passed with honors.

—The scarlet fever card placed at 577 Central avenue was put there by mistake, and removed the same day.

—Miss Nellie Smith, St. Thomas, returned home today after visiting her friend, Miss Edith Potts, South London.

—Mrs. Frank Gray, of Wardsville, on hearing of the serious illness of her brother, Mr. W. H. Davis, and his two children, has come to the city.

—Mr. Perry has resigned the post of manager of the Woodstock branch of the Dominion Trading Stamp Company. He was succeeded by Miss Gregg, of this city.

—The annual meeting of the congregation of Knox Presbyterian Church, South London, takes place this evening. It will also partake of the nature of a social gathering.

—Mr. John Raspberry, A Company, Seventy-seventh Battalion, received a second class short course certificate from the school of infantry here. This qualifies him as sergeant.

—Exeter Times: Rev. W. J. Clark, London, lectured on "With Fire and Sword in the Soudan." The church was filled, and the lecture one of the most interesting ever delivered in Hensall.

—Ingersoll Chronicle: T. A. Howard, the Winnipeg hockey player, who sojourned for a short time in London, has returned to the former city. He will take his old place on the forward line of the Victoria team.

—Mr. Gus Green, the aged colored drayman, one of our oldest residents, is seriously ill at his home on South street. The old man is none too well off in this world's goods, and no doubt some of his old-time patrons will see that he does not suffer.

Men's Correct Things For Full Dress....

Let us fit you out for the CHARITY BALL. We have the proper styles in Shirts, Gloves, Collars, Ties, etc.

BOUGHNER.
HABERDASHER.

—Mrs. Mary A. Woolacott died on Wednesday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Coles, Hill street, at the advanced age of 90 years. The funeral took place yesterday to Mount Pleasant Cemetery. Deceased was an old resident of London, and was highly respected.

—The annual Sabbath school treat of the Askin Street Methodist Church was given to the scholars last night. The attendance was large, nearly 500 persons enjoying the good things provided. A short programme was given during the evening. Superintendent Reynolds presided, and the teachers favored the audience with solos, choruses and recitations.

—Tenders for two wooden bridges were opened at the county buildings yesterday. The contract for the erection of the bridge over Mud Creek, between the townships of East Williams and McGillivray, was awarded to Wm. L. Bice, at $473. The second contract, for the building of a bridge at Sebee Flats, between West Williams and McGillivray, was awarded to J. F. Nickles, at $178.

Comber Herald: Mr. Samuel Grigg, of London, the evangelist, addressed the Sabbath school in the Methodist Church Sunday morning. In the afternoon he addressed a mass meeting of all the congregations in the Methodist Church. Mr. Grigg is an entertaining speaker, and an earnest worker for the cause of right. He is assisting in the revival services now being held in the Methodist Church.

—A Toronto dispatch says: The visit of Bishop O'Connor, of London, to the city today gave rise to the rumor that he had come to arrange with the clergy of this city about his installation as Archbishop of Toronto. Like all other rumors concerning the successor of the late Archbishop Walsh, nothing is known by the clergy of any appointment having been made. Bishop O'Connor is on his way home from the east.

—Mrs. Thornley spoke at the Froebel Society mothers' meeting, Tuesday, on promotion of social purity. She said that greater care in teaching children personal cleanliness would help to prevent the formation of bad habits, and urged the mothers to strive above everything else to retain the confidence of their children, so that they might guide them at critical times. The address was full of practical illustrations and suggestions.

—J. K. McCullough, world's champion skater, appeared at the Westminster Rink last night and gave one of the finest exhibitions of fancy skating ever witnessed in this city. He appeared on stilts and performed the clever feat of jumping over five barrels placed on the ice. He skated backwards against Bert Thomas, London's champion, defeating Thomas, and then gave a two-mile exhibition race against Sims and Thomas, and had an easy thing of it. The attendance was very small.

—The Mount Pleasant Cemetery Company held their annual meeting on Wednesday, with the president, Mr. P. McKenzie, in the chair. The year's reports were all satisfactory, and the financial statement exhibited a healthy condition in the company's affairs. The company is entirely out of debt, and, during 1898, over $800 was applied to permanent improvements, including $400 for a spacious greenhouse. The old board of directors and auditors were re-elected, and the officers of 1898 were reappointed by the new board. The officers were tendered a vote of thanks.

LONDONER'S HARD LUCK

The Crowley, La., Daily Signal of the 20th inst. gave an extended account of the destruction by fire the night previous of the Eagel rice mill, which was one of the largest industries of the town, was the property of Mr. J. E. Platt an old London boy, son of the late Edward Platt, and nephew of Mr. William Platt, of this city. Mr. Platt bought out his partner's interest in the business and became sole owner just two years ago, and his total loss is estimated at $80,000, with an insurance of but $15,000. The Signal says: "Mr. Platt is a comparatively young man, and was putting the best of himself into his business, and had, during his connection with rice milling, won an exceptional amount of success. By pursuing a conscientious business policy this success was growing, and no one stands higher today or would have a greater amount of sympathy than does Mr. Platt in this great loss and sore affliction."

SKATING CARNIVAL.

The first annual carnival under the auspices of the Star Pleasure Club of London West was held last night on the Red Light Rink, and, considering the weather, was a grand success, about 150 being in costume. Miss Tobeny, as Flower Girl, received first prize as best dressed lady; James Petfield, as a Spanish Prince, received second prize as best dressed gentleman; David Armstrong, as Irishman (comic), received third prize. Among others were: Wm. McCausland, Dutchman; C. Kenny, Clown; T. Tozer, Tramp; Leonard Barr, Colored Gent.; A. McCarkell, Sailor Boy; Arthur Brown, French Prince; T. Burgess, Dude; Thos. Saunby, Faust; Steve Ralph, Colored Gent.; Geo. Finnigan, Topsy; R. Rouks, Colored Tramp; Miss Taff, Gipsy Queen; Miss Kenny, Snow Flake; Miss McKay, Mayflower; Miss Jennie Moore, Nurse; Mr. White, Page; Tim Howlett, Henry VIII.; Charles Crockett, Bum. The committee in charge for the occasion were Henry Payne, Jas. Petfield, W. McCausland and A. McCarkell. The judges, who gave every satisfaction, were J. H. Waud and Thos. Robinson.

DEATH OF MRS. THOS. DRURY.

Mrs. Thomas Drury, one of London's oldest and most respected residents, passed away at the residence of her son-in-law, Mr. W. H. Morgan, 716 Colborne street, yesterday. The deceased lady was born in county Armagh, Ireland, in 1822; came to London with her parents in 1837 and resided here continuously ever since—a period of nearly 62 years. She was married in old St. Paul's Cathedral to the late Thomas Drury, who died sixteen years ago, and since his demise she has made her home with Mr. and Mrs. Morgan. For the past ten years or so she has been an invalid, and about a week ago was seized with la grippe, which was the immediate cause of her death. Mrs. Drury was an esteemed member of St. Paul's Cathedral, and at one time took an active part in church work. Four daughters survive her—Mrs. (Dr.) O'Connor, Toronto; Miss Mattie Drury, of the Toronto public school teaching staff; Miss Minnie, teacher at St. George's school, city, and Mrs. W. H. Morgan. Mrs. Drury had a wide circle of friends in London, particularly amongst the older residents, and the announcement of her death will cause general regret. The funeral will take place on Saturday afternoon.

CHANGE OF METHODS

Board of Works Decide to Ring Out the New and Ring In the Old.

Adopted the System Which Was in Vogue in 1897.

The Stone-Breaking Problem—Some Drainage Troubles—Ward Grabbing Discussed—Minor Matters.

The present board of works recognize the merits of the system pursued in 1897, controlling orders for work issued by the department, and at the regular meeting last evening decided to re-establish it. By it every order, unless for absolutely necessary repairs, must be signed by the chairman. A departure last year increased the engineer's powers and work was done without the order of the chairman, Ald. Douglass, who says that as a result he was blamed for work that he knew nothing of. Another move along the line of business methods was to provide that bi-weekly statements of the expenditure of the board be furnished the members. Both suggestions came from Ald. Parnell, who was chairman in 1897, and they were acted upon without demur, except that with regard to the latter some of the members wanted the expenditure in the different wards shown. But when opposition to the ward system was expressed, the contention was dropped.

A report from City Engineer Graydon upon the stone-breaking problem stated that the cost of breaking stone by hand is about $4 20 per cord, made up as follows: Men are paid $3 per cord for breaking, and to this is added the cost of a foreman, a man breaking large hardheads, a team at times moving stone to convenient points for breaking, the cost of hammers and the cost of handles.

The cost of machinery is from $2 upwards, depending on the economy used in the number and class of men employed, the quality of the engine, and the competency of the man running the machine, etc.

Chairman Douglass said the stone cost $2 50, and to deliver it when broken about $1.

"So the total cost of stone broken by hand is nearly $8 per cord," said Ald. Parnell.

The matter was laid over until tenders for broken stone be considered.

Two pairs of jaws for the crusher will be obtained.

Mr. A. Keenleyside wanted a drain opened on the east side of Maitland street, from the Grand Trunk tracks south, to prevent the flooding of the old Massey-Harris building near Bathurst street. The building is now used as a lard factory. The engineer reported that there were many difficulties in the way of granting the request, Mr. Keenleyside's property being lower than the street. The matter was referred to the chairman, engineer and Ald. Reed.

Mr. H. A. Vincent's claim for damages through alleged defective drainage of his property on Wreay street was discussed. The engineer reported that he had visited the place, and found the cellar damp. Not more than $5 or $6 worth of property had been damaged, he thought. The trouble was caused, he said, by the Stevens drain, which caused the Wreay street drain to back up.

Mr. Vincent urged that something be done to relieve him. His property had suffered in this way for four years.

Ald. Parnell said others than Mr. Vincent were affected in the same way, and suggested that the engineer devise some means to remedy the trouble and report as to the cost. This will be done.

Ald. Garratt opposed doing anything, on the ground that the property was just the same now as when Mr. Vincent bought it.

A report from the city engineer upon the men who have snowplow beats caused some discussion.

Ald. McPhillips objected to a man who is a resident of No. 5 ward having a beat in No. 1 ward. The snowplowing should be done by a resident of the ward, he said, and moved that the matter, so far as No. 1 ward was concerned, be referred to himself and the chairman.

Ald. Wilkey spoke against doing anything, as the season was so far advanced. Let the work of last year's council alone, he said.

Ald. Garratt agreed.

Ald. McPhillips reiterated his principle about residents of the ward doing the work.

Ald. Parnell said it would be better to drop the idea of wards altogether. The men were giving good satisfaction.

The engineer explained that at the time the contracts were let there was not a teamster in ward 1 to engage.

Ald. Garratt's motion to make no change carried.

Ald. McPhillips announced his intention of looking out for No. 1. "Last year No. 1 ward did not get half what it should have got," he said.

Ald. Wilkey—Cooper got it. (Laughter.)

Ald. Garratt—And Garratt will get it this year. (More laughter.)

Ald. Wilkey raised the question of appointing an assistant to Caretaker Burdick of Queen's Park. Last year the cost, he said, of looking after the park was double what it should have been. There were two men there nearly all the time, which was unnecessary. It was only at odd times that extra help should be engaged. The matter was laid over.

The mayor spoke of the old men who have been engaged to assist Mr. Grant, ranger of Victoria Park, and suggested that younger men be employed. Ald. Wilkey agreed. No action was taken.

Ald. Garratt moved to recommend the council to advertise that ratepayers requiring improvements such as sidewalks, roads, etc., under the frontage tax system be requested to send in their petitions to the city clerk not later than April 15, so that the work can be proceeded with as early as possible, and that the city will pay the total cost of construction of such permanent sidewalks and roads. Carried.

Waspe & Pearson secured the contract for 100 street signs at $18, which includes the cost of placing in position. There were several tenders.

The mayor spoke of the request of the Socialists for a public meeting. He had been asked to secure the opera house for the meeting if the city hall would not do. To rent the opera house would cost $60 or $75.

Ald. Wilkey—In view of what has been said about the hall, it would be well to look it over and see if it is dangerous. I think it is not.

He named the engineer, Ald. Garratt and himself as a committee to inspect the building. Carried.

The mayor will take no action in the matter until the council considers the petition.

It was decided on motion of Ald. Wilkey to advertise that $2 50 per cord will be paid for any quantity of stone for breaking.

Ald. Douglass presided, and the other members present were: Ald. Garratt, Wilkey, Parnell, McPhillips and Reed, the mayor, Engineer Graydon and Secretary Bell.

THE SEWER COMMITTEE.

Ald. Carrothers joined the board when the work of the sewer committee was taken up, and Ald. McPhillips acted as chairman.

It was decided to retain $15 from Contractor Gould on the Bruce street sewer contract until the street is put into shape to meet the approval of the engineer.

Ald. Carrothers asked who had charge of the sewer system, now that Mr. Ashbridge had resigned.

The engineer replied that, under his supervision, Mr. Kirkpatrick had. A number of accounts were passed.

INTRICACIES OF ENGLISH.

Monsieur de France—You wind up ze clock to make him go?

English Tutor—Exactly.

Monsieur de France—Zen, what for you wind up ze beesiness to make him stop?—Jewelers' Weekly.



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100 pairs Nottingham Lace Curtains, double net and nicely taped; four different patterns to select from..... $1.00

60 pairs Nottingham Lace Curtains, double net and taped edges, 5 patterns, 3½ yards long..... $1.25

48 pairs Nottingham Lace Curtains, three-ply lace, with taped edges, 3½ yards long; never sold less than $2..... $1.60

34 pairs Brussels Effects, English Net Curtains; a good $2 50 Curtain..... $1.95

20 pairs Fine Lace Curtains, dotted net effects, overlock stitched edges, neat and dainty: special..... $2.10

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A CHANCE FOR FATHERS

A Prize of 3,000 Francs for the Best French Papa.

According to the terms of a gift of a M. de Reverdy, a prize of 3,000 francs is every second year given to a man belonging to the laboring class of France who shall be designated as the best father (le meilleur pere de famille). The report of M. Lucipia, who this year has charge of the matter, was recently published in Le Figaro. There were 68 candidates for the prize, whose families included a total of 466 children, which is nearly an average of 7 to a household. Of the 466 children 163 had died. M. Lucipia comments on the large proportion of survivors, for 30 years ago the rate of mortality was 80 per cent. The present state of health of French children is said to be due to the new hygienic conditions instituted by Haussamann and Alphand. M. and Mme. Vandenbrouck, who received the 3,000 francs this year, have had 16 children, of whom 14 are living, 5 being grown up, 6 at school and 3 infants in arms. M. Vandenbrouck is a shoemaker, who, with his family, occupies a little house between the avenues of Ivry and Choisy, at 6 Passage Charles-Berthault. He is 45 years of age. His wife is described in the report as "being 39 years old, a fine-looking motherly woman, with a very sweet air, and always smiling." The surviving children, in their order of birth, are named as follows: Justine, the eldest girl, 22 years; Louis, the eldest boy, 20 years; Nathalie, 18; Constant, 16½; Francois, 15; Jean, 13; Louise, 10; Irma, 9; Arsene, 7½; Marthe, 6; Maxime, 4½; Pierre, 3, and Marie, 14 months. M. Vandenbrouck owns the house in which his family lives; it occupies 92 square meters of ground, and is one story and a half high. The ground floor includes three rooms; a small workshop, a bedchamber, occupied by the worthy couple and their three youngest children, and a large room which serves as kitchen, dining-room, and also as workshop. The second story is divided by board partitions, which do not reach the ceiling, into dormitories, where the eleven older children sleep. And there is not a toy in the house.

GRAND OPERA AND SANDWICHES.

New York, Jan. 26.—At the Metropolitan Opera House last night there was a sudden development of a fad—the mixture of supper and grand opera, Wagner, and cheese and sandwiches. Mrs. W. Bayard Cutting was the woman who dared to make the innovation openly. During the intermission Mrs. Cutting's box party was served with a substantial luncheon.

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